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Ridiculously long,
extremely helpful,
sometimes opinionated,
gospel rich, annual,
list of
Christian books
for kids and parents

CHBC Kids' Book Event



Here's my humble, yearly attempt at finding good books with the 3 P's. Take a look!

BOOKS:

Preachers in Print

BOOKS CAN:

PROVIDE

language that conveys important Bible truths to kids.

TEACH

adults these important truths, as they read with children.

GIVE

adults helpful language to use with children in conversation, long after they've finished a book.

Good Christian books can be of great benefit to both children and adults. Most parents use books as partners in teaching their children gospel truths.

BOOKS:

Buyer Be Aware

BOOKS REFLECT THE AUTHOR'S/EDITOR'S:

What they believe about **THEOLOGY**

God and what He says in His

Word.

What kids can learn and how **PEDAGOGY**

to best to teach them.

How they study God's Word **HERMANEUTICS** and apply its truths to us.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

The author is writing for:

- a child who has never heard the gospel,
- a child who has heard the gospel, but is not a believer, and/or
- a child who knows and believes the gospel and is a believer.

Don't check your brains at the door, no matter who the author or publisher. Just like preachers, not all books are true to God's Word and the gospel. Be a Berean! Compare to Scripture!



THE 3 P's





God's Promises are for God's People

God's Plan of Salvation

tells us that we can become God's people when we repent and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



This is how God's promises can be for us.

BOOKS:

Top Three Troubles

False COMFORT

Fail to say God's promises are special comfort for God's people, not for everyone.

Forget CONVERSION

Fail to tell how to become one of God's people, and to know how these promises can be for them.

Forget CHANGE

Fail to say we must REPENT and believe to become one of God's people (not just believe).

Foster CONFUSION

These pitfalls are very common in Christian kids' books. Many assume the gospel is known and has already been accepted, while many kids still need to hear and respond. Unfortunately, this can lead to confusion that actually hinders the gospel in both kids and parents.



WORDS





These Words:

"ME" "US" "WE" "YOU"

"GOD'S CHILDREN/PEOPLE"

"HEAVENLY FATHER"

Combined with LANGUAGE OF BELONGING: "ARE" "IS" "AM"

Or

LANGUAGE OF BECOMING: "CAN BE" "IF" "WHEN"

WHICH IS THE BEST FIT?

Does the book use language of belonging or language of becoming? Which is most appropriate for your children? I find that when reading to a group of children, there's often a mixture of both. Better to change the language, if necessary, err on the "becoming" side, and add the gospel!

If Rhyme is King, You (Might) Miss Some Things

Rhymes are memorable and give a natural flow to reading. No wonder it's so popular to write kids' books this way... especially for little kids.

But the problem with rhyming books and conveying God's truth is that the best rhyming word isn't always the best word for explaining a truth. Too many times, an awkward word choice is made to keep the rhyme, making the important truth unclear.

Enjoy rhymes, but keep truth the king.



Reading to 3 Kids

When looking at a book, I like to think about reading to a group of three kids.

Kid #1, I might be fairly certain is a Christian.

Kid #2 might know the gospel, but I have know idea if they have accepted it personally.

Kid #3 doesn't know the gospel at all.

Who would understand the text of the book I'm reading? What would be helpful to add in so that all would understand the gospel truths and be able to accept them?

Thinking about all three kids listening helps me make sure I'm holding out God's truths to all of them in an appropriate way.



Straight Lines and Pitched Roof Promises

So many writers and publishers love to hold out God's special love and promises for His people to everyone who reads their books.

They choose to use words of "belonging" and Bible promises that in original context were written to God's people. God loves you. God is always with you. God promises you this. etc. is the wording found in these books.

I call these "straight line" scripts. They write smoothly and feel so comforting! But the truth is, they aren't really for kids unless they have been saved. (Think back to the 3 kids example.)

Is there another way to express God's special love for His people, available to kids through the gospel without confusing the need to repent and believe for these promises to be for them?



Straight Line Scripts



Language of Belonging

"God loves you, is near you, cares for you, did this for you" "You/we are" "These are yours" plus any promise/Scripture that was originally written to believers



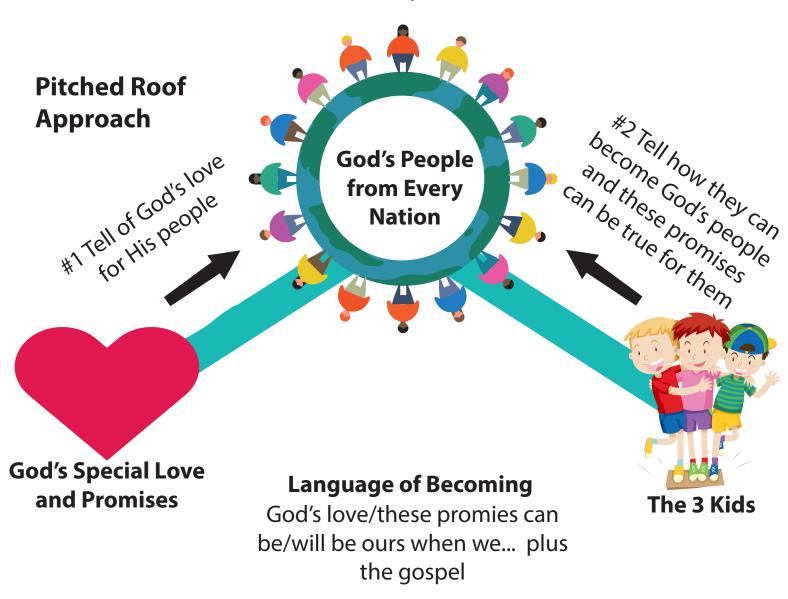
The 3 Kids

Yes, there is! I call it the **Pitched Roof Approach**.

First, you tell kids about God's wonderful love and promises for His people, then you tell them how they can become God' people, by repenting of their sins and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.

This approach uses the language of "becoming" instead of belonging: "These promises/God's special love for His people can be ours when..."

No, it doesn't slide off the tongue as smoothly as the Straight Line Script. But it's biblical, it doesn't confuse anyone or make false assurances. It opens the door of God's offer of salvation. The hearts of our kids are worth this extra step!



Books Always Teach Adults, Sometimes Teach Kids

The ability to take big truths and express them faithfully to young minds is a great blessing to adults and to kids. Long ago I learned that the quickest way for me to understand a difficult concept quickly was by finding a good kids' book on the subject!

So it is that the books you read with your kids will probably teach you more than they teach your kids. The very act of reading aloud means you are engaging with the text in a way the listeners are not. Plus, as you read (and often re-read) a book to your kids, you're digesting language and truth that you can access at other times with your kids.

I especially think about this when I'm looking to give a book to another family. Remember the three kids? This time, think about three pairs of parents. Pair #1 are strong believers. Pair #2 may have heard the gospel, but you don't really know if they are believers. And Pair #3 do not believe the gospel and maybe have never even heard it.

Choose books according to where the adults are in their understanding of the gospel and their relationship to God. This is a great way to commend the gospel to the adults as well as their kids. And, encourages those who are believers, while not leaving those who are not Christians confused.

Books and Drugs

Drugs come in three categories: over-the-counter, prescription medicines, and closely-controlled substances. I've found these same three categories helpful to me as I'm considering who to share a book with.

Over-the-counter Books



Books with truths presented in a way that are true for whoever read them; or, contain not only God's Promises, but also God's Plan of Salvation that tells us how we can become God's People and these Promises true for us (the 3 P's).

I don't need to know you for this book to be useful and clear to you. Just pick it up and go!

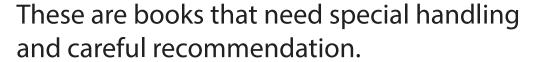
Prescription Books



Books with truths presented in a way that might be true/appropriate for some readers, but not others. It might not have all 3 P's. It might be written in a way that would be encouraging to certain some but discouraging to others. It might presume a certain level of spiritual maturity, etc.

I need to know you before I would recommend this book because I want it to be appropriate and good for you/your kids. Closely-Controlled Substances





They may offer much needed, helpful advice in difficult circumstances, with particularly discerning parents.

Unfortunately, the good counsel in these books may be tangled up in the middle of secular presuppositions that take a lot of maturity and discernment to glean the good and filter out the bad.

Not only would I want to know you and your situation well but would want to sit down and talk through the hesitancies as well as the benefits of the book before giving it out. And probably set up a time to discuss it more after the book is read.

While few and far, between, there have been books of this type that I've given out. I've seen them do good, and bring wisdom and hope to parents with kids in difficult situations, in which there are otherwise few good resources available.

Over-the-counter, prescription, and closely-controlled substances. I find these three drug categories help me choose well which books to share with people so, as they say in the Hippocratic oath, to do no harm.

The Water You Swim In, Not Drown In

As much as I wish all 3 P's (**God's Promises** for those who are **God's People** through **God's Plan of Salvation**) were present in every book that seeks to comfort kids, it's just not going to be the case.

But does that mean you need to "drown" your kids with the 3 P's every time they aren't present? It might be tempting to think that you should.

While you *can* do this, I would suggest a broader view. If your family regularly "swims" at church and/or at home in gospel truths and the riches God gives His people through Jesus, then you may not need to bring them up every time.

How often would I add in the 3 P's, if they are missing? It depends on the focus of the book. If it's a book dedicated to comforting kids with God's promises, clearly only true for God's people, I would want to add them into the text as I read; or, I would "test the waters" by asking the kids: "Who are these promises for?"

(The "Good News for Little Hearts" series by CCEF staff is a good example of books I would want to make sure all 3 P's are present.)



Script, Springboard, or Sleuth

Three great ways to use books with your kids.

#1 Script



Simply read the book. It's great the way it is.

#2 Springboard



The book has some issues, but the story/material is presented in a way to foster great conversations with your kids.

Add discussion questions such as,

"What do you think about what Harry did? What would you do in that situation? Does God's Word tell us anything about how He wants us to act?" **OR** "Who do you think these promises were written for? How can they be for us?"

#3 Sleuth



The book has some issues, but you can use them to teach your kids discernment. Your kids are going to need to not just know the truth, but to be able to discern it from the many lies this world throws at them every day. Encourage them to be sleuths who carefully listen and examine what is being said to find out what is true.

Pause after sentences that are unclear/untrue. Ask the kids: "Do you think that's true? Is that what God's Word says? How would you re-word this to be true?"

God's Promises God's People God's Plan

A GOOD LOOK AT KIDS' BOOKS

If all three are there, it can go anywhere. If they aren't all there, then use with care.



PUT ON YOUR KID HAT

Pictures Appropriate for age and content

Language Conveys what kids will understand as written (not reading between the lines). **Poetry**

Rhymes are easy to read. Rhymes are not made at the expense of what child can

understand or the truth to be conveyed.

Believers "Child of God", "People of God", "Church", "Friends with God" used in a way that children

understand/how to become. Not "super children," but all people who are believers.



WHAT'S THE POINT?

Sum Up What is the author's message to the kids?

Size Up Is this message good and true, as will be understood by the kids? **Take Away** What truth do the kids take away? Or, are asked to respond to?



PRESENTS TRUTH

Soundness Does the author present sound doctrine, as kids will understand the text?

Size Up If not completely sound as written, how much adaptation will the parent reading

the book need to make it sound?

Confusion If the child reads the book by themselves, will they be confused or misled by what is

written? Could this book be used by a parent to discuss w/ & teach the child discernment?



PERSONAL APPLICATION

Audience Who is the book written for: A believer or a non/not-yet believer?

Promises Does the text hold out God's promises, without explaining that these are for Christians?

Is any response encouraged? What is it? Do the kids know how to do this? Response



PROCESS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

How to **Problem** Assurance

If the text presents the Savior, does it also, somewhere, tell how to become a Christian? Does the author skirt around the problem of sin/ the need to repent or is it just believe?

Does the author give assurance of salvation, just because a child prays a prayer?

Next Steps

Does the author speak of a change of life, becoming a part of a church body, speaking to

someone else about decision, life of discipleship?



Equipped

Does good use of this book require a parent to "know better" and change wording as

they read?

Believer

Does the author assume the parent is a believer?

Equipping Notes

Does the book help equip parents with language for further conversation on this topic? Are there any extra notes for parents/teachers at back for further help on becoming a

Christian or talking to children on this topic? If promises of God given as comfort to children, do the notes contain these an explanation that they are for those who are

believers and who have repented and trusted in Jesus as their Savior?



POSSIBILITIES

OTC Over-the-Counter book, useful for all, with no explanation.

Prescription Helpful book, but something needs adding or the reader needs to know already.

Best given personally with a caveat. Good for some, in the right setting.

Controlled

Closely Controlled/Banned book. Needs to be used with much understanding and suggested with great care. Or, contains so many issues that it's best not used at all.

Introduction

My guess is you've heard of the missions "10-40 Window". It refers to the geographical area of the world with the most unreached peoples and the least gospel access in the world. But did you know that in children's ministry, there's another window frequently mentioned. It's the "4-14 Window", referring to ages 4 to 14, the age range which, in God's sovereignty, continues to be most fruitful for conversion. This is why I care so much about good teaching for kids at church, and with putting good books into the hands of parents to use with their kids at home: to sow deep and wide in this very fertile soil of souls.

I am far from alone in this passion. The market for Bible curriculum and Christian books for kids is saturated with resources in the English-speaking world. But unfortunately, not all these books are "created equal." Instead of helping with conversion, there are many that bring confusion. I'd like to explain what is so often causing this problem in hopes of helping you grow in discernment as you choose and use books with children. And, to learn how to even turn books which are even less than helpful into useful tools for you and your family.

It all starts with the three "P's". Let me introduce them to you and show you how to use them to take a good look at Christian kids' books.

The three "P's" are:

- God's Promises
- God's People
- God's Plan of Salvation

The "Problem" with God's Promises

Authors of kids' books love to hold God's promises out to kids to comfort and encourage them. But God's promises are for who? God's people. And how do we become one of God's people? By God's plan of salvation: repenting from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Many of these authors write their books as if they're talking to young Christians rather than young people. Their aim is to explain God's promises in language the young believers can understand and can apply these promises to kid situations as believers, as our little brothers and sisters in the faith. You will notice a lot of "assumptive language" in books like these. There's a lot of "we" and "you" and "us" when talking about Gods promises or in the prayers at the end of a devotion. Bible verses or Bible truths originally written to God's people in context, are woven into their language in ways that sound like they are the possession of every child reading/listening to the book.

Now praise God, the 4-14 window reminds us that many people ARE converted as children and these promises/prayers are theirs to enjoy and take comfort from. But the thing is, not all kids ARE saved or at least not yet saved. And many times, it can be very difficult to discern who is, and who isn't. To hold out the gifts of the gospel without presenting the need for the gospel can be confusing to adult and to child and can lead to false assurance as well as missed opportunities for the gospel.

Do No Harm

This is why I'm on the lookout each year for books about God's promises that also clarify that those promises are God's gifts to God's people; and, which also tell the God's plan of salvation, so the kids, too, can know how they can become one of God's people. This is far better than rather just assuming the

reader knows the need for the gospel first, or is already converted. If kids/parents don't know how to be saved, or understand they need to be saved in order for these promises to be for them, books like these may do more harm than good.

Another related issue is how the idea of repentance is either not included or so carefully disguised that to become one of God's people can sound like easy believism. The word "repent" may be a big, confusing Bible word, but the idea can be conveyed in simpler phrases like "turn away from disobeying God, and live your life for Him". But the important thing is that the idea of repentance is there. Many people believe in God and even say they trust in Jesus as their Savior, but do not understand they need to turn and live a new life for Him.

What to Do

Since there are so many books that are missing the P's of God's people and God's plan as they hold out God's promises to kids, what can we do? Here are a few suggestions that can help you make most any book into a good book.

Read the book yourself.

Read the book yourself, looking for the three P's or anything else of particular care for your kids. Get a sense of how many times God's promises are being held out to the reader is a way that is confusing. Once you have a feel for how much of the book needs modification, you might do one of the following with it.

THEN,

1. Keep the book, Change the language.

Now that you know what might be missing, add it in. If you're reading a book to a child, you can just change as you go.

2. Keep the book, Change the use.

If you find a book, you like but missing a "P" or two, or have another issue of concern, you might use it as a read-aloud family devotional book and have a discussion over it. That allows you to build discernment in your children, and that is a very important skill for us to develop in our children.

3. Keep the book, Change the reader... to YOU!

Kids' books are great for parents to learn helpful language to talk to their kids. You might find a book that you as the adult can learn a lot from and use some of the concepts when talking to your kids without actually reading the book to your kids.

4. Change Books

If the language is just so consistently confusing, you may just want to choose a different book that would fill the same need.

About These Book Lists and Resources

The favorite books on my book lists are those with all three "P's", or with some sort of format that does not lead to confusion over conversion. However, in some topics, there aren't "three P" books written yet. I've tried to find the best books I could for these topics, and I have tried to flag those books with a note of some sort on the lists.

I hope you will find the lists useful. I pray that God uses your efforts with books as well as with His work in your life to show children the good news of the gospel that they might turn and trust in Him as their Savior, too.

Connie Dever

Thoughts on Choosing and Using Books with Your Children

When Should I Start Reading to My Child?

Short Answer: As soon as you want!

Reading is simply another form of language, so why not? Most parents begin talking to their children from birth, and children begin absorbing understanding through voice tone even before the words make sense.

But, if you begin reading to your young infant, don't do it with the agenda of getting them to polish off the Bible by the time they are one! (This sounds ridiculous, but it's amazing what ideas we eager parents get into our heads!)

Do it to begin the pattern of enjoying time together, cuddled on your lap, listening to your voice and with an open heart.

Gradually, as your child develops, watch for cues that they are ready for more. You will see them begin to point to pictures or bring you particular books to read (usually over and over again!). Then you know they are engaging with not just the feel of reading, but the content of what you are reading. That's when you can begin to really think about using books to fill their hearts and minds with truth.

Bible Storybooks FAQs

#1: What's the difference between a Bible storybook and a full Bible? Which would you recommend to using?

A Bible storybook is a collection of Bible stories, written by an author, while the Bible is...well.... the Bible a translation of the entire Old Testament and New Testament into a particular language by a group of Bible scholars.

#2: What are some things to consider in using a Bible storybook?

The Advantages: A Bible storybook --like a good sermon-- can add descriptions about people and places that were known and assumed by the original writers and readers of the Bible, but that aren't obvious to us. They can use language that may be much more suitable for younger children to understand. They can give spiritual insights that help both child and parent learn important truths about God and how He wants us to live. These are all wonderful things.

The Tricky Parts: But, Bible storybooks have their downsides, too. In an attempt to bring the story to life and "up-to-date", authors may take quite a bit of creative license with language and emotion-adding things that may or may not be true. People who write Bible stories for children have to walk a very thin tightrope between bringing a story to life and not adding to it what isn't there. Authors also may choose to shift the true main point of the story to something more to their liking--often a more simple, moralistic application. You must be on your guard to edit on the spot.

Tips for Choosing a Bible Storybook (as well as other Bible-based books)

#1 Theology: Check for sound theology! The story of Noah is often a good story to look at for this. Is it a story of the animals in the ark, or of the mercy and holiness of God towards sinful people? Praise God there are more and more good Bible storybooks with great theology available! But sometimes these books are so bad that you just can't use them. Other times, there are books with only largely good theology that are so attractively done, that you may choose to edit as you read them aloud rather than not use them at all.

#2 Pictures: Do they show Jesus' face or not? Christian Focus books and Ella Lindvall do not illustrate Jesus' face, feeling that is breaking the 2nd commandment regarding graven images. Many others disagree. They don't believe it breaks the 2nd commandment to carefully use pictures to help teach young children.

#3 Creative License: Does the storybook add details that bring light to the story, but are in keeping with the original Bible text? How much license does the author take in adding extra details (especially emotional) that are not clearly inferred by the original Bible text? The Jesus Bible Storybook (Sally Lloyd-Jones) is an example of a Bible storybook that takes quite a bit of creative license, both in language and emotion enhancement. The Read-Aloud Stories (Ella Lindvall), The Children's Story Bible (Catherine Vos), The Big Picture Bible (David Helm), and The Beginner's Bible (Zonderkidz) are all examples of ones that do not.

#4 Main Point: Does the author seem to bring his own (often moralistic) main point to the story, or does he stick to the main point of the original text? (A favorite example: Is the feeding of the 5000 about a little boy who shared his lunch or is it about Jesus revealing Himself as the Bread of Life, the Manna from Heaven, come to save God's people?)

#5 Child-Appropriateness: Are the stories the right length and the right language for your child?

#6 Story Choice in the Collection: Does the book offer enough stories? A good cross-section of stories from every part of the Bible?

#7 Use: Are you looking for one-off stories or for something more like a Bible overview?

#8 Appropriate Applications: Does it offer any resources to help you and your family apply the Bible truths to your life?

Tips for Choosing a Bible for Your Child

#1 What's Your Goal?

Is your goal to begin to familiarize your child with a Bible version he will use for the rest of their life, even if it is above his comprehension level (many times by quite a bit)? Realize that you will probably need to do more picking, choosing, and explaining of passages for your child to understand what you are reading, if this is your approach.

OR

Is your goal to start your child in the process of understanding/reading with a Bible closer to his own comprehension level? If so, look for an easier translation, written on (or closer to) their level and "promote" them up gradually to Bibles with higher reading level as you go.

#2 Early Readers: They might be reading, but are they understanding?

There is a difference between what your early reader can read and what they are retaining. The technical words for this are "de-coding" (spelling out/pronouncing words) and "comprehension" (understanding and remembering what the words actually mean). Early readers are often working so hard to spell out or pronounce the words (de-coding) that there is little brain space leftover for comprehending at the same time. Check on how much they are comprehending by asking them a few questions about what they read. If they are remembering very little, chances are it's that they are so busy de-coding. You may want to choose a simpler Bible version or largely stick to reading aloud to them as their reading skills improve.

#3 Take Some Translations for a Test Drive

Try out some different translations on your children and see what works best for them, based on your goals.

Bible Translations (and some notes about our favorite ones)

READING LEVEL	TRANSLATION
3rd Grade	New International Reader's Version (NIrV)
Good NIrV Choices: NIrV Adventure Bible for Early Readers	
	Kids' Quest Study Bible
	This is a full, simplified version of the NIV 1984. It is more accessible to both
	preschoolers and elementary-grade children.
7th Grade	New King James Version (NKJV)
7th-8th Grade	Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)
Good HCSB Choice: HCSB Illustrated Study Bible for Kids	
	The "Southern Baptist" Bible is far more than its nickname implies. While it has updated scholarship, like the ESV, it often scores higher than the ESV in terms of readability for younger children especially. If only they could match the quality of notes in the ESV Study Bible!
7th-8th Grade	New International Version 1984 (NIV 1984)
Good NIV 1984 Choice: NIV Adventure Bible, 1984	
	The version has long been the highly favored translation among evangelicals. It is very readable in both word choice and sentence structure. Most suitable for 5th grade and up. It is, however, being replaced by the NIV 2011, which is headed in a distinctly different direction (read below) NOTE: Soon these will only be available through the used Bible market! Right now you can still get them through www.christainbook.com. Apparently, Zondervan sold the end of their inventory to them. Buy now, if you want a new copy!
7th-8th Grade	New International Version 2011 (NIV 2011)
	The NIV 2011 has replaced the NIV 1984. It is not simply an update of scholarship, but a shift towards gender-neutral language. This is because of the NIV's commitment to keeping up with cultural changes in language. Furthermore, this same commitment means there will be other updates in this version in the future. So, to tie yourself to this Bible version is to tie yourself to further changes-difficult for curriculum writers and those who hope to memorize a Bible version that will remain available for years to come. For this reason, many conservative evangelicals are holding tightly to their old NIV 1984's or shifting to other translations, frequently the ESV or the HCSB.
10th Grade	English Standard Version (ESV)
Good ESV Choice: ESV Seek and Find Bible, ESV Grow Bible	
	Definitely the up-and-coming translation among reformed evangelicals, but test drive it with the ears of a child. Sometimes the language and sentence structure are not easily understandable to younger children. The Study Bible versions do have extremely useful notes and very helpful maps.
11th Grade	New American Standard Bible (NASB)
12th Grade	King James Version (KJV)

Bible Hybrids

A Bible hybrid is a Bible that is a cross between a full translation Bible and a Bible story book. It is like a full translation Bible because every word in it is from a direct translation of the Bible text. But it is also like a Bible storybook, because it only includes selected stories or passages.

#1 The Day-by-Day Begin-to-Read Bible

A collection of the simplest stories included in the Day-by-Day Bible, listed below. Lots of pictures.

#2 The Day-by-Day Bible

This fuller version contains many more passages from every book of the Bible. It is not primarily story-centered, but passage-centered, so it is beginning to feel much/can be used much more like a regular Bible. No pictures.

Other Special Features of The Day by Day Bible

- Chronologically ordered so that different parts of the Bible that fit together are presented together. So, the Psalms about David are slotted in the stories of his life from 1 Chronicles. The letters of Paul are slotted in with stories from the Book of Acts, etc.
- A checklist for reading through it in 365 days. Nice bite-sized chunks.
- Good bridge for non-readers to confident readers.
- Tons of good lists in the appendix to help you decide what to read to your child, whether with this Bible translation or another version. (lists: Stories by Bible Book; Stories in Chronological Order; 100 Key Teaching Stories; 100 Bedtime Stories; and 100 Stories for Good Family Discussion.)

Should I Do Bible Memory and/or Catechism with My Children?

No one can dispute that young children have an amazing ability to learn and memorize--often the quickest and easiest in their whole lives! Why not harness this skill for the sake of learning Bible truths?

Bible memory verses and catechisms are concise ways of putting a whole library of Bible truth in children's heads. While some people balk at the idea of helping children memorize concepts deeper than they can fully understand, others see the goal not so much as achieving full, immediate understanding in a young child today, but leaving a legacy in his head for the future. Also, remember that God's promises are written for God's people. If you are teaching children God's promises, through either catechism or Bible memory, make sure you weave the gospel into your teaching so the kids can know how these Bible truths can be THEIR Bible truths. And certainly, pray that the Holy Spirit do the good work that only He can do to bring them to repentance and faith in Christ.

Be careful in how you teach these truths to your kids. Don't exasperate them! Yes, they may be little memory sponges, but you can harden their hearts and discourage them with the very truths you want them to love by forcing them to do too much, too soon and in a format that just isn't appropriate or effective for them.

Remember: your point isn't just to check off the list that you taught these truths to your children. It's to try to make them stick in places where they will stay for years. Better to do less but do it well, than to think you've done it all and done it poorly or at the cost of a soft heart.

And one more thing: there is more than one way to skin a rabbit! Bible memory and catechism doesn't always have to take a recitation format. There are many Bible verses and catechism-like questions and answers put to song. There are games you can play to help them learn, too.

If nothing else, check out the resources for Hide 'n' Seek Kids and Deep Down Detectives at www. praisefactory.org. All the Bible verses and catechism-like Big Questions are set to song; and, there are simple movement activities (called Music, Movement and Memory) you can do with them. For elementary-aged kids, all 104 Praise Factory scripture verses are also set to music. And, there is a section of games that can be used as a fun way to memorize any Scripture verse.

What Books Can and Cannot Do

WHAT BOOKS CAN DO:

- #1 Books can help you present truths in an orderly fashion.
- #2 Books can be a springboard into important conversations with your children.
- #3 Books can help you learn good language to use with your children (or other people's children) on their level as you have those important conversations.
- #4 Books can help leave a library of truth in your children that can be used by God their whole life: a kind of time-release capsule of wisdom and knowledge.
- **#5 Books can be used to build discernment.** Discernment is one of the most important skills you can teach your child as they read. That is, being able to read something and compare it to the truth they know, filter out what is not true, and learn from what is. Parents can use books as tools to build discernment as they read them together and pause and ask questions, such as: "What do you think about what the author just said?" Does that sound like Bible truth? Why or why not? What might be better to say than what the author said?" etc.
- **#6 Books can provide a wonderful time of sharing for you and your child.** You can build memories and intimacy as you share thoughts, time, and the warmth of touch with your arm around them.

WHAT BOOKS CAN'T DO

- **#1 Books can't provide a one-size-fits-all formula for teaching every child.** And if the book you read says it can, beware! It can't!
- **#2 Books can't save your child.** No amount of books or information can bring salvation to your child! This is a work of God, by His Holy Spirit, in His perfect timing, according to His perfect will.
- #3 Books can't replace the testimony of a godly, faithful life, only enhance it. Books are one thing, but real life is another. How you live is the blank canvas for the truths you teach. Life paints them in vibrant, unforgettable colors. And remember: while God's righteousness and love might be what we would always desire the canvas of our lives to show (and thank God for when it does!), God is just as faithful to use our failings to display Himself. When we do fail and humbly seek His (and others') forgiveness, God is kind to use these times to reflect His mercy and compassion towards sinners--namely us and like our children. Our lives are much more about the business of REDEMPTION, than they are a picture of PERFECTION, as much as we might wish it to be otherwise. And through all of it, the truths about God we tell our children are brought to light.
- **#4** Books can't replace your common-sense knowledge of your own child. It will take your discernment to know what the right type of book and the right pacing of learning is best for your child. What if your neighbor's child can read already and yours doesn't? Don't push your child to hurry up and read if they aren't ready. Help your child enjoy books as he is able. (FYI: reading is a developmental skill that can fully develop as late as 2nd grade! Be patient!) What if your friend's child has read and memorized the entire

book of Leviticus and can recite it backward in Hebrew...while your child can hardly sit still let alone say their ABCs? Stop comparing! Help your child learn, read, and memorize as she is able! The point is to make a connection with your child, where they are, not to keep up with the Jones!

Also, just because a book tells you to do something, doesn't mean you should do it...unless it's the Bible, of course! Weigh what you know about your child with what the book is asking them to do or understand. Is he ready for it, or would he be better off with a slower, simpler pace; or, a faster, more complex pace?

#5 Books can't replace the wisdom of parents with children older than yours. It is easy to read a book and latch onto a particular system or ideal, only to find that you and/or your child is frustrated. This is especially true if you are an eager first-time parent. Seek out older, seasoned parents or even teachers who you know! They are invaluable resources! Parents with older children often have wrestled with similar issues and are able to give you good advice about how to use books to teach biblical truths to children and pitfalls to avoid. It can be especially helpful to particularly seek out parents who have a similar type of child as yours. Perhaps you have a wiggly Wade or a studious Susan. Talking to parents with older children of the same type can help you learn more about how to reach and teach your particular type of child, given their strengths and weaknesses.

2025 BOOK FAIR BOOKLIST





BOOK LIST AGE CODES:

- 1 Ages 0-3 (Baby/Toddler/Young Preschooler)
- 2 Ages 3-5 (Older Preschooler)
- 3 Kindergarten 2nd Grade (Early Elementary)
- **4** 3rd Grade 7th (Older Elementary/Preteen/Middle School)
- 5 Grades 8th 12th (Teens/High School)

Books within each category are listed using these codes in suitability from youngest to oldest children. Some books are suitable for more than one age range and are listed with more than one age code.

NOTE: We have spent many hours going through these books. <u>HOWEVER,</u> that doesn't mean that we didn't miss something. Also, it takes your knowledge of your own children to discern the best, most appropriate books for them. Hope you enjoy these books!

A FEW, OTHER SPECIAL CODES:



A book new to the list this year



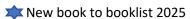
Old favorite

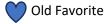
NC: Non-Christian Book

PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel

Always be on the watch out for needing to add the gospel. We mainly chose Christian books that do NOT presume conversion and include the gospel. However, there were a few good books that we included, that were not Christian books, but had really great resources. Or, were Christian books, but did presume conversion and did NOT include the gospel.

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WHERE TO FIND THESE BOOKS:

Christianbook.com

wtsbooks.com

Matthias Media

Good Book Company

Truth 78

Christian Focus Books (FYI: this publisher does not show the face of Jesus in any illustrations.)

TenofThose.com

Amazon.com

cvvbs.com (often have the best prices)

Apologetics

- 2,3 Inspector Smart and the Case of the Empty Tomb Michael J. Tinker GBC
- 2,3 Why God? Big Answers about God and Why We Believe in Him Dan Dewitt This sounds "fuller-bodied" than it is. But it does use what we see around us (God's creation) to point back to the reality of a Creator. Something the kids can connect with.
- 3,4 The Bible Is God's Word—the Evidence Catherine Mackenzie
- ★ 3,4 Cold-Case Christianity for Kids: Investigate Jesus with a Real Detective J. Warner
- 3,4 Jesus Rose from the Dead—the Evidence Catherine MacKenzie
- 3,4 Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth Series J.D. Camorlinga
 - Pig and the Accidental Oink! (God the Creator)
 - Chameleon's Can of Worms (Right and Wrong)
 - Crows and the Missing Piece (Bible)
 - Fox and the Hard Day (God Is Good)
 - Pooch and the Pearly Gates (Heaven)
 - 'Possums and the Empty Tomb (Resurrection of Christ)
 - Skunk and the Scent of Truth (Jesus)
 - Toad and the Tough Truth (Hell)
- \chi 3,4 Pitfall Series J.D. Camorlinga
 - Pitfalls: A Quick Guide to Identifying Logical Fallacies for Families
 - Pitfalls 2: A(nother) Quick Guide to Identifying Logical Fallacies for Families
- 4,5 Beyond Evolution: How New Discoveries in the Science of Life Point to God Sy Garde
 - Special Codes: NC: Non-Christian Book PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel
 - New book to booklist 2025

- - 4,5 Can Science Explain Everything? John Lennox
 - 4.5 Case for Christ for Kids Lee Strobel
 - 4,5 Case for Creation for Kids Lee Strobel
 - 4, 5 Case for Grace for Kids Lee Strobel
- 4,5 Evidence for the Resurrection Norman Anderson
- 4,5 Ten Questions Every Teen Should Ask and Answer about Christianity Rebecca McLaughlin
- 4,5 Tricky: The hardest questions to ask about Christianity (and some answers) Michael Dormandy and Carl Laferton
- 5 A.S.K. Real World Questions / Real Word Answers David Robertson
- What Makes Us Human? Mark Meynell 5
- 5 Where Was God When that Happened? Christopher Ash
- 5 You Asked William Edgar

Bibles

Ordered from Easiest to Understand/Message Emphasis Translations to More Exact (and More Difficult) Translation

Note about Devotional Bibles for kids: I tend to recommend Bibles without devotional aspects added to them. Why? Because I don't know your kids and usually most of the devotional Bibles presume kids are believers already in the way they hold out God's promises. Just be aware of this and you may want to talk to your kids about them from time to time, reminding them that these promises are for believers and how they can become believers (if they aren't yet), and that then, these promises are for them! I've listed some devotional Bibles because they are so popular, but over to you to make sure they are appropriate for your kids.

NLT (New Living Translation):

The "loosest" full translation of the Bible, but language can be understandable to younger children or families of newer Christians.



宜 2,3 New Living Translation GO Bible for Kids: A Life-Changing Bible for Kids

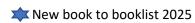
Preschool to elementary school ages. This Bible contains fun features and facts for kids, but also devotions. I would be especially careful to check the appropriateness of the devotions included. I wanted to include one NLT Bible for kids and this is the best one I could find.

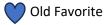


2,3,4,5 New Living Translation (Just text)

Geared especially for non-believers or new believers, including plan of salvation and other orienting tools for people unfamiliar with the Bible.

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NIrV: (New International Readers Version)

(Simplified version of the NIV. 3rd grade reading level.)

- 2,3 NIrV Adventure Bible for Early Readers
 Late preschool to early elementary. Lots of fun features for kids. Contains devotions.
- NIrV Study Bible for Kids
 Early elementary school. Contains Bible facts and devotions.

NIV: (New International Version)

Easy to read language, 7th grade reading level. Decision in 2011 to use more common English language use of "people" instead of "man" for understandability purposes is troubling for potential loss of meaning in original text.

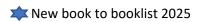
- NIV Quest Study Bible
 Targets first-time Bible readers. Larger font size, Bible book introductions, 100+ questions and answers, colorful maps. Life application/devotions.
- 3 NIV Adventure Bible Early elementary school. Lots of fun features for kids. Contains devotions.
- 3,4 NIV Kids' Visual Study Bible Elementary school. Great facts and pictures. No devotions.
- 3,4,5 NIV Action Study Bible
 Full NIV text with study elements, including overviews of each book of the Bible. There are
 40 comic book illustrations of various Bible stories. Includes life applications/devotions.

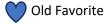
CSB: Christian Standard Bible

A blend between the easier language of the NIV and the precision of the ESV. 7th grade reading level.

- 1,2 CSB Read to Me Bible Preschool. Geared for the youngest children. Contains gospel presentation, full page illustrations, and other helpful features.
- 2,3,4 CSB One Big Story Bible (Gospel Project)
 Preschool elementary. Tied into Gospel Project resources. Some online links.
 Contains devotions.
- 2,3,4 NTV La Gran Historia: Biblia Interactiva (The Gospel Project, Spanish Edition)
 McPherson

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- 2,3,4 CSB Outreach Bible for Kids
 - Preschool elementary. Geared for non-Christians or new Christians. Contains gospel presentation in kid-language and other helpful tools for those new to the Bible. No devotions.
- 4,5 CSB She Reads Truth Bible
 Middle school and up. Great layout with helpful introduction to each book of Bible.
 Bible reading plans and other features. Contains devotions.

ESV: English Standard Version

A popular, faithful translation that uses a lot of traditional wording, making it harder for younger kids to read and understand. 10th grade reading level.

- 2, 3 ESV Children's Bible Geared for preschool/early elementary school in font size, layout, lots of illustrations. Old and New Testament timelines, a dictionary, and maps. Contains devotions.
- 3,4 ESV The Biggest Story Bible for Kids Elementary to early middle school. Colorful 3-page introduction for each book that includes a summary, timeline, information about the author, character profiles, and more. Contains devotions/life applications after many Bible stories.
 - 3,4 ESV Following Jesus Bible Elementary school. Aimed to help your child grow as a disciple of Jesus. Contains devotions.
- 3,4 ESV Holy Bible for Kids, Large Print Elementary school. Simple Bible with some illustrations. No devotions.
- 3,4,5 ESV Action Study Bible Full ESV text with study elements, including overviews of each book of the Bible. There are 40 comic book illustrations of various Bible stories. Includes life applications/devotions.
- 4,5 ESV Journaling Study Bible, Artist Series: "The Lion and the Lamb" Middle school and up. Meaty Study Bible combined with plenty of space for journaling. No devotions.
- 5 ESV Teen Study Bible High school and up. Meaty Study Bible with lots of notes as well as 365 devotions adapted from Jon Nielson's God's Great Story.

Bible Hybrids

(Portions of Actual Bible Translations, But Not Every Word)

- 1,2 Lee y Aprende La Biblia
- 1,2,3 Day by Day Early Readers Bible Karyn Henley

This book does not share the same issue as noted with its companion volume, listed below (Day by Day Bible)

- 1,2,3 Read with Me Bible NIrV Bible Storybook Zonderkids
- 1,2,3,4 God's Good News NLT (with short devotional remarks by Billy Graham)
- 1,2,3,4 Las Buenas Nuevas de Dios (NLT) (with short devotional remarks by Billy Graham)
- 3,4 Meet Jesus in Mark: His Gospel in 25 Readings Matthew Sleeman
 - 3,4 Follow Jesus with Peter: His Letter in 25 Readings Matthew Sleeman
- 3,4 Day by Day Bible Karyn Henley

An updated note on this book: This book has served many families well for a long time. But, it has just come to my attention that in the 10 Commandments Henley chose to simplify adultery to "only have sex with your husband or wife." Not only is that not all there is to adultery, but it can open up the door to conversations before parents want to cover that topic. I still love this book, but I wanted you to be aware of this. It might mean that you use it more as a read-aloud option since it really does a great job with simple language the kids can connect with. Or, you may decide to take the page out of the book, or just choose to have the discussion should it come up.

- 4,5 The Story of Jesus: A Guided Journey through the Gospel of John ESV, Kevin Emmert
 - 4,5 The Third Day Alex Webb-Peploe (Easter Story from the Gospel of Luke)

Bible Stories

BIBLE STORYBOOK COLLECTIONS

- 1,2 The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers Ella Lindvall
 - 1,2 The Candle Bible for Toddlers Juliet David
 - 1,2 A Child's First Bible Kenneth Taylor
 - 1,2 A Child's First Bible in **Spanish** Kenneth Taylor
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 - New book to booklist 2025
- Old Favorite





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 - 1,2 Follow Me: Bible Stories for Young Children Liesbeth van Binsbergen Beautiful illustrations, simple text. A few, simple discussions after each story.
 - 1,2 Little Words Matter Bible Storybook
 - 1,2 Little Words Matter Bible Storybook in Spanish: Libro de Historias Biblicas
 - 1,2 The Toddler's Bible Beers, V. Gilbert
 - 1,2 La Biblia de los pequeñitos / The Toddler's Bible (bilingüe / bilingual) (Spanish and English Edition) Beers, V. Gilbert
- 1,2 Seek and Find Old Testament Bible Stories Sarah Parker (Board book)
- 1,2 Seek and Find New Testament Bible Stories Sarah Parker (Board book)
- 1,2,3 The Beginner's Bible Zonderkids Karyn Henley
 - 1,2,3 La Biblia para principiantes: Historias bíblicas para niños (The Beginner's Bible) (Spanish Edition) by Zondervan and Karyn Henley
 - 1,2,3 Beginner's Gospel Story Bible Jared Kennedy STRONG CAUTION

I am leaving this book on here because it has a lot of merit. However, the wording of the gospel tie-in for most every story is such that it assumes the reader is one of God's people already by frequently exchanging sentences about God's people with "us" in the next sentence. I would NOT give this book to a family that is either young in the faith or who you hope to introduce to the gospel through a book. The language used automatically includes them as assumed partakers of gospel promises. This book is better used with solid, Christian parents who can remind the children about the gospel and how they can become one of God's people and for the promises to be for them. The same is true for the board books that have been made of individual stories from this book, and perhaps more so because of the title choices which are God Rose for Me, etc., without explaining how we can become Christians and for that to be true.



1,2,3 The Big Picture Story Bible David Helm



1,2,3 It's All About Jesus Storybook: 100 Bible Stories (Gospel Project)
 100 Bible stories and discussion questions. Connects God's plan of salvation with each story.



- 1,2,3 Little Hands Series: Carine MacKenzie (Do not show face of Jesus)
 - Life of Jesus
 - Story Bible

I think these are two wonderful Bible collections, both in size (great for little hands) and in content. Very short stories but include simple questions, too.

1,2,3 One Big Story Bible Stories in 5 Minutes (Gospel Project)

12 Bible stories just right for bedtime for littles.

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1,2,3 La Gran Historia, Relatos Bíblicos en 5 minutos, tapa dura (The Gospel Project) (Spanish Edition)

1,2,3 Lithos Kids Bible Storybooks:

The Kingdom of God

Perhaps my favorite of the storybook Bible collections because of its sticking so close to Scripture and because of the great discussion questions.

- Parables of Jesus
- Wisdom of God

Two beautiful series from Lithos Kids.

- 1,2,3 Read Aloud Bible Stories Ella K. Lindvall (Do not show the face of Jesus)
 - Volume 1
 - Volume 2
 - Volume 3
 - Volume 4
 - Volume 5
 - 2,3 Completa Ilustrada para Niños (The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible)
- 2,3 The Christian Focus Story Bible Carine MacKenzie (doesn't show face of Jesus)
- 2,3,4 God's Big Promises Bible Storybook Carl Laferton
 92 Bible stories told in simple language, especially good for preschool and early elementary kids. Also traces themes of redemptive history with each story.
- 2,3 The Early Readers Bible V. Gilbert Beers 64 Bible stories that use words commonly found in early reader books. Follow up questions for each story.
- 2,3 The Kingdom and the King Storybook Bible Bob Hartman
 This is a new favorite of mine because the storyline of God and His people throughout all history is so clear. Beautifully illustrated, too.
- 2,3,4 God's Daring Dozen Minor Prophet Series Brian J. Wright, John R. Brown
 - Box Set 1: Haggai, Habakkuk, Zephaniah and Obadiah, and the second set includes
 - Box Set 2: Jonah, Malachi, Nahum and Joel.
 - Box Set 3: Amos, Micah, Hosea, Zechariah
 Only series I know of that focuses on the minor prophets.
 - 2,3 Libro de Historias de La Biblia App Para Ninos: The Bible App for Kids Storybook Bible, Spanish Edition YouVersion & OneHope
 - 2,3 Mi Biblia de Buenas Noches (My Good Night Bible) Susan Lingo
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- 2,3,4 Big Truths Bible Storybook Gospel Project
 This new Bible storybook from Gospel Project features short stories with Biblical truth
 as well as questions that could be used well in a family read aloud setting. A great new
 storybook.
- 2,3,4 The Biggest Story Bible Storybook Kevin DeYoung
- 2,3,4 One Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook B & H (Gospel Project)
- 2,3,4 The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments Marty Machowski
- 2,3,4 The Picture Interactive Bible Storybook: Connecting Christ throughout God's Story (Gospel Project)
 - 2,3,4 La Gran Historia: Libro de Historias Bíblicas Interactivas (The Big Picture Interactive Storybook)
- 2,3,4 The Promises of God Storybook Bible: The Story of God's Unstoppable Love Jennifer Lyell

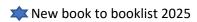
 This is one of my very favorites. She has a great story-telling voice and follows the story of God's redemptive love for His people as she works her way through the Bible.
 - 2,3,4 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories in Spanish Daniel Partner
 - 2,3,4 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories in English Daniel Partner
- 3,4 365 Great Bible Stories Carine MacKenzie Does not show face of Jesus.
- 3,4 The Child's Story Bible Catherine Vos This is the old "classic" story Bible used by many generations. It reaches to a higher age range than many of the other Bible story books and can be great for family devotions for this reason.

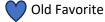
INDIVIDUAL BIBLE STORY BOOKS

2,3 Paul Tautges Series: (Pictures of Gospel Grace)

Dinner with the King: How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love

I love this book! However, one caution: the very last sentence of the book is a gospel call with a leading question: "What do you want to do about the king's invitation?" The problem with questions like that is that it can feel manipulative in evoking a certain answer from your kids rather than calling them to make a true commitment to follow God. I'm all for kids understanding the call and pray that they will. But, not to muddy the waters with kids' desiring to please parents and giving a verbal response that is not really coming from a heart change. So.... Be careful with how you use this last sentence.





The Best Bath Ever!: How God Washes Away Our Sin and Makes Us Brand New New book in this series! Another amazing job of taking an Old Testament story and letting the gospel shine through.



1,2 Tim Thornborough Series:

- Esther and the Very Brave Plan
- Moses and the Very Big Rescue
- Jonah and the Very Big Fish
- God's Very Colorful Creation
- Joshua and the Very Strong City
- Joseph and the Very Strange Dreams



Stories from Jesus Series: Catherine MacKenzie Do not show face of Jesus.

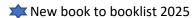
- The Good Shepherd: Luke 15: God Rejoices
- The Good Traveller
- The Wise and Foolish Servants
- The Wise and Foolish Builders
- The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids
- The Noisy Neighbor
- The Wonderful Wedding
- The Precious Pearl
- The Busy Boys
- The Busy Housewife
- The Busy Farmer

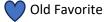


1,2,3 Tales that Tell the Truth Series

Please be careful with this series. Look for language that presumes conversion. They also frequently use the expression "friend of God" as an easy-to-understand way to say "Christian". But they tend to only present gospel as believe, not repent and believe. I love the illustrations and so do kids. This is a great series to modify with your language or use to foster discussion. Many of these now available in a wonderful, new Spanish translation. Many are also available as board books but sometimes lose key concepts in the process.

- The Friend Who Forgives: A True Story about How Peter Failed and Jesus Forgave Dan DeWitt
- El Amigo que Perdona (Spanish Version)
- Jesus and the Very Big Surprise Randall Goodgame
- Jesus and the Lions' Den: A True Story about How Daniel Points Us to Jesus (Tales That Tell the Truth) Alison Mitchell
- The One O'Clock Miracle Alison Mitchell
- The One O'Clock Miracle Coloring Book Alison Mitchell
- The Storm that Stopped Alison Mitchell





The Storm that Stopped Coloring Book Alison Mitchell

1,2,3 Bible Story Series from Concordia

- Daniel y Laman Misteriosa Larry Burgdorf
- Jesus Calma la Tormenta Jean Thor Cook
- El Hijo Prodigo Lockhart Kearns
- Jonas y el Gran Pez Sarah Fletcher
- Rut Y Noemi Karen Nordberg Sanders
- Jesus Resucita a Una Nina Joanne Bader
- Jesus Sana al Ciego Bartimeo Diane Grebing
- El Hombre Pruente, El Hombre Insensato Larry Burgdorf
- La Parabola de la Oveja Perdida Clare Miller
- Doce Hombres Comines Kelly Skipworth
- Jesus Esta Vivo Jeffrey Burkart
- Jesus Camina Sobre el Agua Nancy Saners
- Jesus Sana a Un Paralitico Jeffrey Burkart
- David y Goliath Joan E. Curren
- La Gran Pesca Lisa Konzen
- El Nino Moises Cecilia Farnandez
- La Conquicta do Jerico Joan E. Curren
- Moises Cruza el Mar Rojo Joan Curren
- Jose Perdon a Sus Hermanos Robert Baden



1,2,(3) <u>Little Me, Big God Series</u> Steph Williams

- The Best thing to Do
- Lo Mejor que Podemos Hacer (Spanish version)
- Never Too Little
- Aunque Seas Pequeno (Spanish version)
- The Man Who Would Not Be Quiet
- The Little Man Whose Heart Grew Big
 - El Hombre que No Se Quedo Callado (Spanish versión)

This series is hit and miss. Many of them are good, even very good. Some of them miss the mark theologically. The ones I have listed above I thought were fine.

- 1,2,3 Two Fat Camels Douglas Sean O'Donnell
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: David y Goliat (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: El arca de Noe (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: Jonas y el gran pez (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll

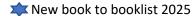
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: Pascua (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- (1) 2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers and Activity Books
 - Bible Heroes
 - The First Easter
 - The First Christmas
 - And others

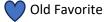
These are individual stories taken from the God's Big Promises Storybook Bible by Carl Laferton.

- 2,3 <u>Bible Alive Series</u> (dozens of different, individual Bible stories, I simply chose the David ones as examples.)
 - David the Fugitive: True Friendship Carine Mackenzie
 - David the King: True Repentance Carine Mackenzie
 - David the Shepherd: A Man of Courage Carine Mackenzie
 - David the Soldier: A Man of Patience Carine Mackenzie
- 2,3 Bible Time Series (dozens of different, individual Bible stories.)
 - John the Baptist
 - Nehemiah: Builder for God
 - Ruth: The Harvest Girl
 - Jonah: The Runaway Preacher
 - Gideon: Soldier of God 4.50 (1)
 - Rebekah: The Mother of Twins
 - And many more
- 2,3 The Donkey that Carried a King R.C. Sproul
- 2,3 El Burrito que Cargo a un Rey (Spanish Version)



- 2,3 I Can Read: Adventure Bible Stories
 - The Adventure Bible: Ruth and Naomi, I Can Read! Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: The Good Samaritan, I Can Read! Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: Miracles of Jesus Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: Brave Queen Esther Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: Facing the Fiery Furnace Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: Joseph the Dreamer Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: Paul Meets Jesus Miles, David
 - The Adventure Bible: David and God's Giant Victory Miles, David





- The Adventure Bible: Miracles of Jesus Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Moses, I Can Read! David Miles
- The Adventure Bible: Moses Leads the People David Miles
- The Adventure Bible: Moses, God's Brave Servant David Miles
- The Adventure Bible: Jonah, God's Messenger David Miles

These are great stories for early readers to begin to read for themselves.

- 2,3 Bible Wise Series: Carine MacKenzie
 - Paul: Journeys of Adventure
 - Job: The Patient Friend
 - Daniel: The Praying Prince
 - · Samson: The Strong man's Strength
 - · Sarah and Abraham: The Wonderful Promise
 - Hezekiah: The King's Choices
 - Jeremiah: A Man with a Message
 - Barnabas: The Encourager
 - Miriam: The Big Sister's Secret
- 2,3 The Christmas Story Carine MacKenzie
 - 2,3 The Dog's Dinner A Story of Great Mercy and Great Faith from Mt 14-15 Douglas O'Donnell
- 2,3 The Easter Story Carine MacKenzie
- 2,3 Postcards from Paul Hazel Scrimshire
 - 2,3,4 Vida De Jesus Para Ninos (Life of Jesus for Children)
 - 2,3,4 When God Says It—He Does It Carine MacKenzie
 - 2,3,4,5 Go and Do Likewise! John Hendrix
 - 3,4 God's Servant Ruth: A Poem with a Promise Douglas Bond
 - 3,4 Tales of Truth Series Graeme Hewitson and Margaret C Charles
 - The Story of Christmas
 - The Story of Easter
 - 3,4 Joshua's Desert Diary Ros Woodman

Bible Memory

(also see Music)

- 1,2
 - ABC Bible Verses: Verses in Alphabetical Order for Kids to Learn and Experience Adoria Alina Maiyer
 - Bible Verses for Toddlers from 2-5 years Boyana Atwood
- 1,2 Easy for Me Bible Verses Broadman and Holman (Board Book)
- 1,2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Songs
- 2.3 Memory Verses: 52 Ways to Teach Memory Verse to Children Rosalind Brown
- 2,3,4 The Big Picture Bible Verses
- 2,3,4 The Biggest Story Verse Cards
 - 2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Sets (also in Spanish) Truth78
- Fighter Verse Coloring Books 2,3,4
- My 1st Book of Memory Verses Carine MacKenzie 2,3,4

Bible Reference Resources and Activity Books

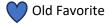
Bible Reference Resources

- 3,4 Who What Why Series Danika Cooley

3rd -8th grade, but possibly could use with 1st and 2nd graders as a read-to-me resource. She has clear, simple explanations.

- Why Did the Resurrection Happen?
- Who Were the Disciples?
- What Was the Cross?
 - Who Was Moses?
 - What Was the Tabernacle?
 - Why Did Exodus Happen?
- 2,3,4 Welcome to Bible World: explore all 66 books of the Bible Mike Nappa
- 2,3,4,5 (used by adult with these kids) Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids Jack Klumpenhower
- 【 3,4 A Short Guide to the Bible: Exploring the Most Important Book You'll Ever Read Katy Morgan A Biblical handbook for Kids, Ages 8-12 with Bible overview, character profiles, reading plans, & more.







3,4 Nancy Sanders Series

- The Bible Explorer's Guide: People and Places 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos (Volume 1)
- The Bible Explorer's Guide: People and Places 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos (Volume 2)
- 3,4 Bible History ABCs: God's Story from A to Z Nichols, Stephen J
 - 3,4 Fascinating Bible Facts Volumes 1 and 2: 103 Devotions Irene Howat
 - 3,4 Kings and Pharaohs and Bandits: The World of Abraham Day One Publications
 - 3,4,5 66 Books in One: A Guide to Every Book of the Bible Paul Reynolds
- 3,4,5 Bible Infographics Series: Harvest Kids
 - Bible Infographics for Kids: Giants, Ninja Skills, a Talking Donkey, and What's the Deal with the Tabernacle
 - Bible Infographics for Kids Volume 2: Light and Dark, Heroes and Villains, and Mind-Blowing Bible Facts
 - Bible Infographics for Kids: Epic Guide to Jesus
 - Bible Infographics for Kids Activity Book
 - Biblia Infografica para Ninos Vol. 1 (Spanish version)
- The Bible Story Handbook John Walton, Kim Walton (used by adult with these kids) 175 Bible stories to assist teachers and parents in knowing what each story teaches and how to present it in a God-centered way. They examine focus, theme, application, place in the Bible, interpretational issues, historical and cultural background, and aggroup appropriateness in every story. Introductory articles and a 2 yr teaching plan.
- 3,4,5 God's Covenants Retold in Lego Bricks Cheryl and Geneva Durand
- 4,5 Acts: A Visual Guide Kevin DeYoung and Chris Ranso

Activity Books

- 1,2,3 Beginning with God Series (Good Book Company) Boddam Whetham & Alison Mitchell Includes stickers. Be careful. Prayers tend to presume conversion.
 - 1,2,3 Bible Names: Presenting Gospel Truths to Little Children Using Bible Names and TheirMeanings Alison Mitchel
 - 1,2,3 Colour the Bible Series Carine MacKenzieEach coloring book covers 4-6 books of the Bible.
 - 1,2,3 Proverbios/Proverbs: A Coloring and Activity book in English and Spanish
 - Special Codes: NC: Non-Christian Book PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel



- 1,2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers and Activity Books
 - Bible Heroes
 - The First Easter
 - The First Christmas
 - And others

These are individual stories taken from the God's Big Promises Storybook Bible by Carl Laferton.



1,2,3 Good Book Company Tales that Tell Truth Coloring Books Almost all of their books also have coloring book versions.



1,2,3 Gospel Story for Kids—Old Testament Coloring Book (companion to Long Story Short)



1,2,3 Gospel Story for Kids—New Testament Coloring Book (companion to Old Story New)

- 2,3 <u>Bible Colour and Learn Series</u> (Day One Publications)
 - Life of Peter
 - Parables of Jesus
 - Jacob
 - New Testament
 - Nehemiah
 - Apostles
 - And many more
- 2,3 Dot to Dot Coloring Book and Stickers Kregel Publications



2,3 Bible Story Coloring and Activity Book (One Big Story)



- 2,3 Bible Stories Coloring Book for Kids: Read and Color Your Way Through the Bible, Beginning to End
 - 2,3,4 Bible Story Coloring and Activity Book (One Big Story)



2,3,4 77 Memory Verses Every Kid Should Know, Ages 5-8



2,3,4,5 The Illustrated Baptist Catechism Coloring Book (Founders Press) Paul Cox



- 2,3,4,5 Biblical Archaeology Coloring Book Series David E. Graves
 - Book 1: New Testament
 - Book 2: Old Testament
 - Book 3: Biblical People
 - Book 4: Roman Life

Combines pictures and facts with coloring. Great series.



3,4 The Biggest Story Bible Activity Book Crossway



- 3,4 The Biggest Story Bible Coloring Book Crossway
 - The Wise King: A puzzle book about Solomon Ros Woodman
 - 3,4 Bible Detectives: Fun Bible Studies Using Puzzles and Stories: 1 Samuel Marianne Ross

Bible Studies, Devotions, and Discipleship

Books in these categories almost always presume conversion Add gospel/change language. They are some of the most "presumptive" of conversion in their language. Perhaps, this is because they are speaking to a whole family, some of whom we do presume to be Christians. Be careful, especially looking at the prayers and the life applications. Modify wording as needed and add in questions about how these promises can be for us, by becoming God's people (turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior).

Bible Studies



3,4 Adventures in Acts, Volume 1 and 2 David Luckman

There's much I like about this new series. The issues I did see are in his use of language in the "Think" sections. Sometimes, he pressurizes kids to make a decision for Christ in his wording, such as "How should you respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ?" Sometimes wording like this can lead to what seems like conversion, when it really is just giving the right answer. Be careful with questions like this. Yes, our hearts beat for our kids to become Christians.... but not create false conversion by leading questions.



🚺 3,4 Adventures in the Gospels, Volume 1 and 2 David Luckman

This is coming out in November. If you liked the Acts series, you will like this series, too. Read above for issues I noticed that you might need to work around.

- 3,4 Discovering the Bible: A Kid's Guide to Reading and Understanding God's Word Mary Wiley Another great book by Mary Wiley. Helps elementary/early middle school kids learn how to study the Bible for themselves.
- 🔀 3,4 Earth's Epic Start: Genesis 1-3 A Bible Study about God's Creation, Our Fall, and His Promises Costi& Christyne Hinn This is a wonderful Bible study, especially for those wanting to do a Bible study for the

first time. Simple format with questions the kids will be able to answer. But also, clear on the gospel and the salvation that God offers us through Christ, to all who repent and believe.

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3,4 Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series (various authors) Bible study/story books for upper elementary/middle schoolers. "Every book of the Bible in simple language" is how they describe the project.

3,4 Kids' Bible Study Series

This series continues to expand. Do be on the look-out for presumptive language, especially with the Romans 8 and Colossians 3 Bible study, which is entirely based upon a section of comfort for believers, of which you kids may or may not be.

- Exploring the Earliest Gospel: A Kids Bible Study on Jesus and His Good News (Mark)
- Rebecca McLaughlin
- When Wrong Seems Right: A Kids Bible Study on Making Good Choices (Proverbs)
 Adam Griffin
- What to Wear: A Kids Bible Study on Looking Like Jesus (Colossians 3:1-14) Catherine Parks
- God Is For Us: A Kids Bible Study on Belonging to Christ (Romans 8) Trillia Newbell
- 3,4 Mark's Marvelous Book: Learning about Jesus Through the Gospel Alan Mann
- 3,4 Matthew Sleeman Series
 - Follow Jesus with Peter: His Letter in 25 Readings
 - Meet Jesus in Mark: His Gospel in 24 Readings

Marty Machowski Series

- 2,3,4 Wonder Full: Ancient Psalms Ever New
- 3,4 The Sword: Magnus and the Mystery of Romans Book of Romans
- 3,4 The Treasure: Ancient Story Ever New of Jesus and His Church

Occasionally, his text presumes conversion. Just be on the lookout for those times. Great book otherwise.

- 3,4 Paul's Big Letter: A Kid-Friendly Journey through the Book of Romans J. Aaron White
- 숲 3,4 Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says Series 🛮 Bill Ross
 - Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says
 - Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says, Too!

You can only find this series in used book outlets (including Amazon), but I can guarantee your kids will love it. You can even take inspiration from his books and have a family devotion night where you make up your own and see who can give the correct answer.

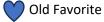
- 3,4,5 David Murry Resources:
 - Exploring the Bible: A Bible Reading Plan for Kids
 - Exploring the Bible Together: A 52-Week Family Worship Plan
 - Meeting with Jesus: A Bible Reading Plan for Kids
 - 4,5 Best News Ever: Your 100 Day Guide to the Book of Mark (for Tweens) Chris Morphew
 - 4,5 Engage (various volumes) Good Book Company
 - 4,5 Fearless: Standing Firm when the Going Gets Tough Jonty Allcock
 - 4,5 Hero: When an Ordinary Person Meets an Extraordinary God Jonty Allcock
 - 4,5 How the Bible Can Change Your Life Josh Moody
 - 4,5 My Bible Journal Mary J. Davis
 - 4,5 Transformed by Truth: Why and How to Study the Bible for Yourself As a Teen Katherine Forster
- 4,5 Turn Your Eyes: A Bible Study on the Psalms (TGCW Bible Study) Winfree Brisley, Sharonda Cooper
 - 4,5 The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses Bruno, Chris
 - 4,5 40 Days with Paul: A Journey that could Change your World Dominic Smart
 - 4,5 40 Days with Jesus: A Journey through Mark's Gospel Dominic Smart
 - 4,5 40 Days with David: From Shepherd Boy to King of Israel Dominic Smart
 - 5 If God Is for Us: The Everlasting Truths of Our Great Salvation Trillia Newbell
- 5 <u>Lydia Brownback Bible Studies</u> Habakkuk: Learning to Live by Faith
 - The Psalms of Ascents
 And many others
 - 5 Philippians Hope A. Blanton, Christina B. Gordon

DEVOTIONS (Often for Families/a Broader Age Range)

- ↑ 1,2,3 His Mercy Endureth Forever: Psalm 136 Kathleen Dejong
 A beautifully illustrated rendition of the text of Psalm 136.
 - 1,2,3,4,5 A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home Jason Helopoulos
- 1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Bible Reading With Your Kids: A Simple Guide for Every Father Jon Nielson

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- 1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Family Worship Donald S. Whitney
- 1,2, 3,4,5 Family Worship Bible Guide Joel R. Beeke Wonderful resource with helpful information and questions for every chapter in the Bible.
- 1,2,3,4,5 Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sunday (and the Other Six Days Too) Scott Aniol

Wonderful new book with lots of great tips. One of the best books I've seen on this topic.

- 2,3 (4) Jesus Moments Series Alison Mitchell
 - Esther: Finding Jesus in the Story of Esther
 - Jonah
 - Moses
 - David

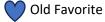
Each faithfully tells the biblical story but also shows kids how it points to Christ.

- 2,3 Jesus, Strong and Kind Sinclair B. Ferguson
 Love this book! Takes the song and gives 4 meditations on Jesus, each tied into a Bible story.
 - 2,3 Where Is Wisdom? A treasure hunt through a wondrous World inspired by Job 28 Scott James
- 2,3,4 The Biggest Story Family Devotional Unlike the other books in the Biggest Story series, this devotional definitely presumes conversion in how it applies Scripture/uses prayers with the whole family. Be careful to add gospel or change language.
- 2,3,(4) C Is For Christian: An A to Z Treasury of Who We Are in Christ Alistair Begg
 As the title infers, this is who Christians are. The language is definitely presumptive, but he does such a great job explaining big truths, simply (adopted, redeemed, etc) that it is worth working with.
- 2,3,4 Long Story Short 10-Minute Family Devotions (Old Testament) Marty Machowski
- 2,3,4 Old Story New 10-Minute Family Devotions (New Testament) Marty Machowski
 - 2,3,4 Glorious God, Glorious Gospel Series Truth 78
 - 2,3,4,5 Family Devotional Book
 - 3,4 Student Notebook
 - 2,3 Coloring Book
 - 2,3,4,5 Who Is Jesus? 40 Pictures to Share with Your Family Kate Hox Presumes Conversion, add gospel.
- 2,3,4,5 Devotional Dippers 10 of Those Publishing

Christmas, Easter, Prayer, Wisdom, God, and others

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These are little sticks with a short Bible verse with a question and a little reflection or a prayer suggestion. The sticks I looked at seemed to be good. They would make a fun 'round the dinner table devotion, etc.

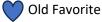
★ 3,4 The Big Picture Family Devotional David R. Helm
Be careful. Does presume conversion in a number of places.

3, 4 Diana Kleyn Series:

- Bearing Fruit: devotional stories about godliness
- Taking Root: devotional stories about conversion
- 3,4 Indescribable 100 Devotions about God & Science Louie Giglio
- 3,4 Big Bible Answers Series: by Helms, Selah & Kayler
 - The Bottomless Dinner Basket: The Truth about Prayer, God's Good Gifts and Eternity
 - The Greatest Day Ever: The truth about the Gospel and the Ten Commandments
 - The Starry Messenger: The Truth about God, The Fall and the Atonement

3,4 Series from Truth 78 Sally Michaels

- God's Design
- God's Battle
- God's Providence
- God's Promises
- God's Wisdom
- God's Word
- God's Names
- · God's Gospel
- God's Attributes
- - 10 Questions About Salvation: 30 Devotions for Kids, Teens, and Families Champ Thornton
 - 10 Questions about Suffering and Pain Beth Broom
 - 3,4,5 101 Devotions for Girls: From the Lives of Great Christians (Daily Readings) Rebecca Davis
 - 3,4,5 101 Devotions for Guys: From the Lives of Great Christians (Daily Readings) Rebecca Davis
 - 3,4,5 Exploring Grace Together: 40 Devotions for Families Elyse Fitzpatrick, Jessica Thompson
 - 3,4,5 Listen Up: 10-Minute Family Devotions on the Parables, Family Devotional Marty Machowski
 - 3,4,5 Spurgeon Stories for Children (Volumes 1-5) Tony Hutter
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- 3,4,5 Wise Up: Ten-Minute Family Devotions in Proverbs Marty Machiowski
- 3,4,5 The Wonder of His Name: 32 Life-Changing Names of Jesus Nancy Leigh DeMoss
- 3,4,5 Lord, Teach Us to Pray Truth 78
- 3,4,5 The Righteous Shall Live by Faith Family Devotional Truth 78
- 3,4,5 Starr Meade Series:
 - God's Mighty Acts in Creation
 - God's Mighty Acts of Salvation

Better language for older elementary, pre-teens, teens. She can presume that the children are believers in how she calls them (and us) to live. Add gospel.

- 4,5 Between Us Girls Trish Donohue (go through it with mother/mentor)
- 4,5 Between Us Guys: Life Changing Conversations for Dads and Sons Joel FitzPatrick
- 4,5 Girl Talk Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre (go through it with mother/mentor)
 - 4,5 PC/AG One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussion Starters Nancy Guthrie

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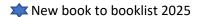
(These frequently presume the reader is a Christian and knows and believes the gospel.

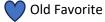
Add gospel/Modify use accordingly for your kids.)

- 1,2,3 Beginning with God Series (Good Book Company) Boddam Whetham & Alison Mitchell Includes stickers. Be careful. Prayers tend to presume conversion.
 - 2,3 Berenstain Bears Series:

(warning: Can be moralistic. Use for discussion and with discernment)

- Faith Gets Us Through
- Give Thanks
- Go to Sunday School
- Say Their Prayers
- Faithful Friends
- And the Forgiving Tree
- And a Job Well Done
- Kindness Counts
- Gives Thanks
- And the Golden Rule
- And the Joy of Giving





- The Very First Christmas
- 5 Minute Inspirational Stories: Read-Along Classics
- And the Easter story
- 2,3 My ABC Bible Verses from the Psalms Susan and Richie Hunt Definitely presumes conversion in application of these Bible verses. Be careful.
- 2,3 Wise Words Series from the Book of Proverbs Carine Mackenzie
 - Wise Words to Follow
 - Wise Words to Obev
 - Wise Words to Trust
- 2,3,(4) Fruit of the Spirit Tales: Costi and Christyne Hinn
 - The King Who Found His Self-Control
 - The Farmer Who Chose to Plant Kindness

This is a fantastic new series. It's the first time I've ever seen the fruit of the Spirit tied to conversion, instead of improperly just held up as character development. There is a difference, and especially with kids, it is not differentiated well. Galatians is written to Christians!

- 2,3,4 PC/AG Girls Just Like You: Bible Women Who Trusted God (Daily Readings) Jean Stapleton

2,3,4 God and Me Series Joel R and Mary Beeke

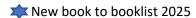
A remarkable series that consistently makes it clear what it means to be a Christian. One of the best discipleship series I've found that does NOT assume conversion but carries the gospel all the way through the text. Illustrations are NOT great, but the text is worth it!

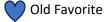
- I Need to Trust in God
- I Need to Love God
- I Need to Hope in God
- I Need to Love Other People

2,3,4 PC/AG God, I Need to Talk to You Series:

(These are also in Spanish) They can be moralistic, but useful; not much on the market like this. Could be good discussion starters

- About Being a Bad Sport (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Ser un Mal)
- About Whining (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Quejarme)
- About Lying (also in Spanish)
- About Vandalism (also in Spanish)
- About Video Games (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Videojuegos)
- About Healthy Eating (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Comer Sano)
- About Bedtime (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ir a Dormir)





- About Homework (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Tarea Escolar)
- About My Parents (also in Spanish)
- About School (also in Spanish)
- About Cheating (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Hacer Trampa)
- About Stealing (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Robar)
- About Bad Manners (also in Spanish: n Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Malos Modales)
- About Greed (also in Spanish)
- About Feeling Sad (also in Spanish)
- About Bad Words (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de las Malas Palabras)
- About Laziness (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Pereza)
- About Hurting Others (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Lastimar a Otros)
- About Sharing (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Compartir)
- About Paying Attention (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Prestar Atención)
- About Disrespect (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ser Irrespetuoso)
- About My Bad Temper (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Mi Mal Carácter)
- About Bullying (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Intimidar)
- About Talking Back (also in Spanish)
- 2,3,4 Read, Think, Pray, Do: A Kid's Guide to Reading the Bible Simon Camilleri Great, four-steps to reading the Bible and applying it for kids and for everyone!
- 2,3,4 School Series Mark Philpot/Day One Publications
 - Driving School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of Motoring
 - Flight School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of flying
 - Farm School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of farming
 - Sea School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the seas and oceans
- 2,3,4 Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know... Melissa Kruger
 Be careful. Presumes conversion by omitting need to repent and believe.
- - Rescue Me!
 - Captain & the Army of Fear
 - Captain Sun & the Scourge of the Shadow Dragon

Classic comic book style stories with a devotional bent.

- 3,4 Hope for Each Day: 365 Devotions for Kids Billy Graham
- 3,4 PC/AG How to Be a Bible Beauty Catherine MacKenzie
- 3.4 PC/AG How to Be a Bible Princess Catherine MacKenzie
- 3,4 How to Handle Your Life Carine MacKenzie
- 3.4 PC/AG How to Have a Bible Make-over Catherine MacKenzie







- 3,4,5 Daily Light on the Daily Path (NIV)
- 3,4,5 Discipleship for Kids Rebecca Ruybalid Stone

Definitely presumes the child is saved and is seeking to know and grow in the Lord. One of the best books I've seen that really helps kids understand how to begin the life of a disciple of Christ. Published by Navigators and you can see their typical deliberateness in its approach.

- 3,4,5 God's Word Series Laura Martin
 - God's Word and Your Life: What the Bible says about social media, money and other exciting stuff
 - God's Word and You: What the Bible Says about Family, Friends and other Important Stuff
 - God's Word and Your World: What the Bible says about Creation, Languages, Missions and other amazing stuff!
 - God's Word and Jesus: What the Bible Teaches about The Gospel, Evangelism, Prayer and other essential stuff
- 3,4,5 Life as a Christian: a Primer for New Believers Mary Wiley (Gospel Project)

Another new favorite of mine. Super inexpensive and VERY thorough from how to become a Christian to how to live as a Christian. There is language that presumes conversion, but that's who it's for. And be aware: urges child to be immediately baptized at the very end of the book. (that is my only hesitancy, and such a great book, I'd make it a topic of conversation with the child, as to why your church might wait (like ours does) for a child to grow older before baptizing.

- 3,4,5 What Is a Christian? Answers for Kids Mary Wiley Another great resource by Mary Wiley. The workbook format helps kids who want to understand what it means to be a Christian and live as a Christian. Great for kids who may be professing faith or simply have a lot of questions. I would suggest parents going through it with their child and making it a springboard for discussion.
- 4,5 Disciplines of a Godly Young Man R. Kent Hughes and W. Carey Hughes
- 4,5 Do Not Be True to Yourself Kevin Deyoung
 - 4,5 Engage (various volumes) Good Book Company
- * 4,5 God's Promises Kept: Devotions Inspired by Charles Spurgeon
- ★ 4,5 More of God's Promises Kept: Devotions Inspired by Charles Spurgeon
- 4,5 Gospel Series Jeff Dodge
 - Gospel 101 for Teens: Learning, Living, and Sharing the Gospel
 - Gospel 201: Growing and Thriving with Jesus
 - 4,5 Growing in Godliness: A Teen Girl's Guide to Maturing in Christ Carlson, Lindsey
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- 4,5 Hanging in There John Dickson
- ↓ 4,5 The Heart of Jesus: How He Really Feels about You Dane Ortlund

This is a simple version of Jesus, Gentle and Lowly for Middle school, high school. Presumes the reader is a Christian. Add the gospel.

- 4,5 How the Bible Can Change Your Life Josh Moody
- 4,5 How to Be Your Own Selfish Pig Susan MacAulay
- 4,5 Input-output: Getting to the Heart of Personal Prayer and Bible Study Jo Boddam-Whetham
- 4,5 The Jesus I Wish I Knew in High School Cameron Cole and Charlotte Getz
 - 4,5 Love Is Loving Others God's Way Laura Martin
- - 4,5 My Bible Journal Mary J. Davis
- ≠ 4,5 Take Heart for Teens: Daily Devotions to Deepen Your Faith David Powlison
 - 4,5 This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years Jaquelle Crowe
 - 4,5 Transformed by Truth: Why and How to Study the Bible for Yourself As a Teen Katherine Forster
 - 4,5 PC/AG True Sarah Bradley
- 4,5 What Do You Think of Me and Why Do I Care? Answers to the Big Questions of Life Ed Welch
 - 4,5 What's up? Discovering the Gospel, Jesus, and Who You Really Are Deborah Harrell and Jack Klumpenhower
- 4,5 Worth It: Following Jesus When Life Feels Complicated Chris Morphew Christian discipleship book for teens helping them trust Jesus and live for Jesus.
 - 5 Craving Grace Ruthie Delk
 - 5 Even Better than Eden: 9 Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story Nancy Guthrie
 - 5 PC/AG Lies Young Women Believe Nancy Wolgemuth (be careful; can sound easy fixes, instead of perseverance; clarify the gospel and God's work in our sanctification)



- 5 New Morning Mercies for Teens Paul David Tripp
 - 5 PC/AG Sipping Saltwater Steve Hoppe



- 5 A Spectacle of Glory: God's Light Shining through Me Every Day Joni Eareckson Tada 365 daily devotional.
 - 5 A Thankful Heart in a World of Hurt (also in Spanish) Joni Eareackson Tada
- 5 True Beauty Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre
- - 5 True Feelings: God's Glorious and Gracious Purpose for Our Emotions Mahaney and Whitacre

Board Books

All About God's Animals Series: Janyre Tromp

- All about God's Animals: Colors
- All About God's Animals: Around the Water

All God's Creatures Great and Small A Lift a Flap Book Scarlett Wing Baby Believer Books Danielle Hitchen



- Bible Basics
- From Eden to Bethlehem: An Animals Primer
- Let There Be Light: An Opposites Primer
- Our God: A Shapes Books
- Psalms of Praise
- Psalm 23
- Hallelujah
- We Believe
- God Speaks
- - Holy Week
- The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus Heals

Banner of Truth Series:

- The Man Who Preached Outside
- The Woman Who Helped a Reformer
- The Woman Who Loved to Give Books
- The Doctor Who Became a Preacher

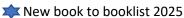
- The Best Series Catherine MacKenzie (do not show face of Jesus)
 - Jesus: The Best Baby (in Christmas, too)
 - Jesus: The Best Love
 - Jesus: The Best Friend
 - Mary, the Best Girl
- The Biggest Story ABC's Kevin Deyoung

Born to Be King Series Catherine MacKenzie

- Wise Men Help Jesus
- Anna and Simeon See Jesus
- Debbie Anderson:
 - Jesus Is Alive
 - Jesus Is Born
 - God Knows My Name
 - Kindness Counts
- Series by Devon Provencher:
 - Bible
 - Creation
 - Jesus
 - God
 - Holy Spirit
 - The Church
 - The Gospel
 - 浑 Heaven
 - Prayer

Gospel Project Books

- The Big Book of Bible Stories for Toddlers
- La Gran Historia: Relatos Biblicos Int... del Antiguo Testamento (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories... Old Testament Gospel Project)
- La Gran Historia: Relatos Biblicos Int... Nuevo Testamento (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories... New Testament, Gospel Project)
- Famous Bible Stories (Christian Focus): (do not show face of Jesus)
 - Adam & Eve
 - Joseph's Coat
 - Baby Moses
 - Noah's Ark
 - Special Codes: NC: Non-Christian Book PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel



- Samuel's Surprise
- Jonah and the Big Fish
- Ruth's Journey

Fit Together Shapes Books Tommy Nelson:

- Count My Blessings: A 1,2,3 Boardbook
- Noah's Very Noisy Zoo
- Indescribable for Little Ones Louie Giglio
- God Gave Me Series (Christian Focus): (do not show face of Jesus)
 - God Gave Me Hearing Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Gave Me Sight Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Gave Me Smell Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Gave Me Taste Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Gave Me Touch Catherine MacKenzie
- God's Little Ones Series Tommy Nelson:
 - My First Words Bible Boardbook
 - · My First Words Bible Boardbook in Spanish
- God Made Board Books (Christian Focus):
 - God Made Animals Una Macleod
 - God Made Colors Una Macleod
 - God Made Food Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Made Me Una Macleod
 - God Made Time Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Made Weather Catherine MacKenzie
 - God Made the World Una Macleod

God Made the Ocean Jean Collins

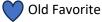
- ★ God's Big Promises Series: Good Book Company
 - Christmas
 - Easter

Hymns for Little Ones Series:

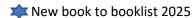
- 🛊 All Things Bright and Beautiful Jean Claude
- Mazing Grace
- For the Beauty of the Earth Folliott S. Pierpoint
- Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

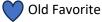
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New book to booklist 2025



- Praise God, All Children A Doxology for Children Jason Duesling
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- it Is Well
- I Can Say to God Series: Catherine MacKenzie (do not show face of Jesus)
 - I Can Say: I Love You
 - I Can Say: Sorry
 - I Can Say: Thank You
 - I Can Say: Please
- Learn About God Board Books Carine MacKenzie (do not show face of Jesus)
 - God Has Power
 - God Is Faithful
 - God Is Kind
 - God Knows Everything
 - God Never Changes
 - · God Is Everywhere
- Little Words Matter Series (B & H):
 - 100+ Little Bible Words Board Book (also in Spanish)
 - Thank You, God, from A to Z
 - Little Words Matter Bible Storybook
 - Libro de Historias Biblicas
 - 1, 2, 3 God Made Me
 - Christmas
 - Easter
 - All the Colors that I See
 - And more (including in Spanish)
- Tales that Tell the Truth Series
 - The Garden, Curtain, and the Cross
 - The Christmas Promise
 - Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer
 - · His Grace is Enough
 - Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know
 - The God Contest
 - Awesome Super Fantastic Forever Party
 - God's Very Good Big Idea
 - The Friend Who Forgives
 - · The Prisoners, Earthquake, and the Midnight Song





These are shortened versions of the original books for older kids. Be careful. Presume conversion at times. Or, are unclear on how to become one of God's people.

- Tiny Theologians Series Amy Gannett
 - Does God Go on Vacation?
 - Does God Sleep?
 - Did God Learn His ABCs?

The Trinity: Little Seminarians Guide to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Illustrated by Naoko Stoop Lucy Richards

The 7 Days of Creation (God Counts Series) Mindy MacDonald

★ I Am: The Names of God for Little Ones Diane Stortz

I Prayed for You Jean Fisher

Inside Noah's Ark 4 Kids Becki Dudley

Jesus Saves Sarah Reju

Lift the Flap Bible Stories for Young Children Andrew J. DeYoung

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Martin Luther

A prayer by Martin Luther for kids.

The Man on the Mat Helen Scrimshire

Mi Primera Biblia (The Toddler Bible) Bethan James, Yorgos Sgouros

Praise Him! Lauren Chandler

Safe at Sea Scrimshire, Helen

Seek and Find Bible Stories series: Sarah Parker (also available in Spanish)

Kids love to seek and find the objects in these books. Unfortunately, Parker does not always do the best job of appropriate application take-aways from the stories in the small amount of text that comes with each story. I would be more hesitant to give this to a non-Christian family, but most kids aren't looking at this book for the text, but the pictures, which are just fine.

- Old Testament Bible Stories
- More Old Testament Bible Stories
- New Testament Bible Stories
- Christmas Story

- Sent to Save Series Catherine MacKenzie (do not show face of Jesus)
 - Jesus Saves His People
 - Jesus Rescues His People
 - Jesus Finds His People
 - · Jesus Helps His People

The Special Baby Christian Focus (does not show face of Jesus)

- Stories Jesus Told Series Christian Focus Carine MacKenzie (do not show face of Jesus)
 - The Selfish Servant
 - The Missing Sheep
 - The Lost Coin
 - The Proud Prayer
 - The Runaway Son
 - The Foolish Farmer

Catechisms

Just a reminder about catechisms... Catechisms were originally written for older youth/adults on the brink of baptism/membership. We have found the usefulness of them in teaching children and putting truth in their little hearts/minds for God to use for many years to come. But just remember: the catechism answers are true comfort for Christians. So, at least from time to time, ask your kids/tell your kids that these are the wonderful truths that God's people speak about God and their life with Him. Then, tell ask them/tell them how they can become God's people and these promises/words can be true for them, too.



Truth and Grace Series Thomas Ascol

- 1,2,3 Truth and Grace Memory Book One: Two to Nine
- 3,4 Truth and Grace Memory Book Two: Ten to Thirteen
- 4,5 Truth and Grace Memory Book Three: Ages Fourteen to Seventeen
- 2.3.4.5 Westminster Shorter Catechism Full Set Music



2,3,4 The Big Book of Questions and Answers Sinclair Ferguson



2,3,4 My 1st Books and More (My 1st Book) Carine MacKenzie



2,3,4 My 1st Book of Questions and Answers Carine MacKenzie

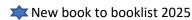


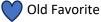
2,3,4,5 Faithbuilder Catechism: Devotions to Level Up Your Family Discipleship Kevin Hippolyte, Jared Kennedy

A new take on catechism that includes fun, interactive elements to the regular catechism routine. A 52-week devotional. Be careful. Definitely assumes conversion. Add the gospel.



2,3,4,5 The Illustrated Baptist Catechism (Founders Press) Paul Cox





- 2,3,4 The New City Catechism for Kids: Children's Edition
- 2,3,4,5 The New City Catechism: 52 Questions & Answers for Our Hearts & Minds (use with Children's Edition. Also see app to download the questions as well as great music)
- 4,5 The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds
- 3,4 Cornerstones: 200 Questions and Answers to Learn Truth Brian Dembowczyk A companion parent guide (Cornerstones: 200 Questions and Answers to Teach Truth) is also available. Expensive, but worth it.
- 5 The Gospel Way Catechism Trevin Wax and Thomas West

Church and Worship Resources

CHURCH

- 1,2 The Church Devon Provencher (Board Book)
 - 1,2,3 What Is the Church? Mandy Groce
- 1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sunday (and the Other Six Days Too) Scott Aniol Wonderful new book with lots of great tips. One of the best books I've seen on this topic.
- 1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Parenting in the Pew Robbie Castleman
- 2,3 God Made Me for Worship: Helping Children Understand Church Jared Kennedy
- 2,3 When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs Elrena Evans
 I was pleasantly surprised by this book. By using the words "my place in God's family" in her title, I was concerned she was going to presume all kids are in God's family (Christians). But, she doesn't. She focuses on helping both adults and kids see ways the church might accommodate special needs kids and thereby help show God's character and make way for them to hear the gospel.
- 2,3,4 Words about God: To Help You Worship Him Nicholas Choy
- 3,4 My Church Notebook: Come Into His Presence Truth78 (two volumes of these)
- 3,4 My 1st Book about the Church Carine MacKenzie

SINGING

1,2 Hymns for Little Ones Series:

- All Things Bright and Beautiful Jean Claude
- Amazing Grace
- ★ For the Beauty of the Earth Folliott S. Pierpoint
- Nothing but the Blood of Jesus
- Praise God, All Children A Doxology for Children Jason Duesling
- ★ Holy, Holy, Holy
- ★ It Is Well
- 1,2,3 Christmas Carols for Kids: a Singalong book Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2 (3) My First Hymnal 75 Favorite Bible Songs and What They Mean Karyn Henley
- 1,2,3,4 25 Hymns Every Child Should Know: 25 Hymns Sung by Kids with More Than 100 Pages of Printable Sheet Music Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2,3,4 The Easy Hymn Fake Book Over 150 Hymns in the Key of C | Beginner Worship and Church Piano Book | Large Print Sheet Music with Chords and Melody Hal Leonard
- 1,2,3,4,5 Sing! Hymnal Keith & Kristyn Getty
- ★2,3 Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation Kristyn Getty
- ★ 2,3 We Sing! Kristyn Getty
- ★ 2,3,4,5 Hosanna Hymnal Series David and Barbara Leeman
 - Hosanna in Excelsis: Hymns and Devotions for the Christmas Season
 - Hosannas Forever: Hymns of Heaven and Our Pilgrimage
 - Our Hymns, Our Heritage: A Student Guide to Songs of the Church

There are spiral bound piano accompaniment versions of these available, too.

- 2,3,4,5 Timeless Hymns for Family Worship: Bringing Gospel-Centered Moments into Your Home Joni Eareckson Tada, Bobbie Wolgemuth
- 3,4,5 101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Behind 101 Favorite Hymns Paperback Kenneth W. Osbeck

Church History and Missions

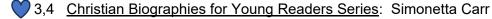
- 1,2,3 Go Tell Everyone: 9 Missionaries Who Shared the Good News Meredith Cook
- 2,3, Did Saint Augustine of Hippo Ever Own a Hippopotamus? Thuy Vu
- 2,3 <u>Do Great Things for God series</u>, (Good Book Company)
 - Corrie ten Boom: The Courageous Woman of the Secret Room Laura Caputo-Wickham
 - Betsey Stockton
 - Fannie Lou Hamer: The Courageous Woman Who Marched for Dignity K. A. Ellis
 - Joni Earectkson Tada: The Girl Who Learned to Follow God in a Wheelchair K. Getty
 - Maria Fearing: The Girl Who Dreamed of Distant Lands K.A. Ellis
 - Helen Roseveare: The Doctor Who Dept Going No Matter What Caputo-Wickham
 - Amy Carmichael: The Brown Eyed Girl Who Learned to Pray Hunter Beless
 - Susannah Spurgeon: The Pastor's Wife Who Didn't Let Sickness Stop Her: Mary Mohler
 - Fanny Crosby: The Girl Who Couldn't See but Heled the World to Sing Caputo-Wickham
 - And others in this series
- 2,3 Lily: The Girl Who Could See Sally Oxley
- 💙 2,3 Little Lights Series Christian Focus
 - Eric Liddell: Are You Ready?
 - Mary Slessor
 - Lottie Moon: What Do You Need?
 - Helen Roseveare: What's in the Parcel?
 - Hudson Taylor: Can Somebody Pass the Salt?
 - George Muller: Does Money Grow on Trees?
 - C.S. Lewis: Can You Imagine?
 - Corrie ten Boom: Are All of the Watches Safe?
 - Little Lights Set 1 (set of 5)
 - Little Lights Set 2 (set of 5)
 - Little Lights Set 3 (set of 5)
- 2,3,4 African Heroes: Discovering Our Christian Heritage Jerome Gay, Jr.
- 2,3,4 Everyone a Child Should Know Clare Heath-Whyte
 - 3.4 Books Ablaze and other Historical Stories You've Got to Hear Irene Howat
 - 3,4 Captive Princess: A Story Based on the Life of Young Pocahontas Wendy Lawton
- 3,4 The Church History ABCs: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith Stephen J. Nichols

3,4 Chosen Daughters Series Christine Farenhorst

- A Cup of Cold Water: The Compassion of Nurse Edith Cavel
- And others
- → 3,4 Eric's Greatest Race: The Inspiring True Story of Eric Liddell Athlete, Missionary, Prisoner Tim Challies
- 3,4 Footsteps of the Past Series (Day One Publications)
 - C S Lewis
 - William Wilberforce
 - John Bunyan
 - William Tyndale
 - William Carey
- * 3,4 Gutsy Girls: Strong Christian Women Who Impacted the World Series Amy L. Sullivan
 - Book 1: Glady Aylward
 - Book 2: Sisters, Corrie and Betsy Ten Boom
 - Book 3: Fanny Crosby
 - Book 4: Jennifer Wiseman
 Especially liked the story on Jennifer Wiseman, astronomer and scientist.

3,4 Here Am I Biographies

- 🗪 🔹 Augustine of Hippo: The Doubter Who Became a Church Father Joshua D. Chatraw
 - C.S. Lewis: The Writer Who Found Joy Dan DeWitt
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy Mary Fry Wilmington
 - Lottie Moon: The Girl Who Reached the World Amy Whitfield
 - Lulu Fleming: The Doctor Who Shared Jesus Jasmine L. Holmes
- 3,4 Missionary Stories on Safari Lorna Eglin
- 3,4 Prayers that Changed History Tricia Goyer
- 3,4 Reformation ABCs: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith Stephen J. Nichols
 - 3,4 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus: A Story and a Song Miriam Huffman Rockness
 - 3.4 War Child Memories of a World War II Childhood Maurine Murchison
 - 3,4 Building on the Rock Series: Joel R. Beeke and Diana Kleyn
 - How God Used a Snowdrift and other Devotional Stories
 - And many others in this series



- Augustine of Hippo
- Athanasius
- Marie Durand
- John Bunyan
- The Puritans
- And others

3,4 <u>Daughters of the Faith Series</u> Wendy Lawton

- Ransom's Mark
- Shadow of His Hand
- The Tinker's Daughter
- · Courage to Run

3,4 John Bunyan Andrew Edwards and Fleur Thornton Day One

3,4 Light Keepers Series Irene Howat

- Light Keepers for Boys: 5 Volume Box Set
- Light Keepers for Girls: 5 Volume Box Set
- Ten Girls Who Made a Difference
- Ten Girls Who Made History
- Ten Boys Who Made History
- Ten Boys Who Made a Difference
- Ten Boys Who Changed the World
- Ten Girls Who Didn't Give in

3,4 Missionary Stories from Around the World Betty Swinford

3,4 A Paintbrush for Joni: The True Story of Joni Eareckson Tada and the Savior Who Turns Tragedy into Joy Joni and Friends

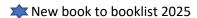
This is a great story for any child, but perhaps especially a child that has special needs and would be encouraged to see God's good plan despite unexpected difficulty.

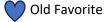
3,4 RiskTakers Series

- Adventure and Faith, Book 1 Linda Finlayson
- Facing Lions J.R. Williamson; R. M. Freedman
- Fearless and Faithful Linda Finlayson
- Danger and Dedication Linda Finlayson

3,4 <u>Tales of Truth Series</u> Graeme Hewitson and Margaret C Charles

- Jim Elliott
- David Livingstone
- John Newton
- Corrie ten Boom





3,4 Torchbearers Series:

- Danger on the Hill: Margaret Wilson Martyr for Christ Catherine MacKenzie
- Jim Elliot: He is No Fool Catherine MacKenzie
- Nate Saint: Operation Auca Catherine MacKenzie
- Titanic: The Ship of Dreams: John Harper of the Titanic Catherine MacKenzie
- James Chalmers The Rainmaker's Friend

(2),3,4,(5) Who What Why Series Danika Cooley

3rd -8th grade, but possibly could use with 1st and 2nd graders as a read-to-me resource. She has clear, simple explanations. (2,3)

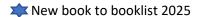
- Why Did the Reformation Happen?
- Who Was Martin Luther?
- What Was the Gutenberg Bible?
- Who Were the Abolitionists?
- Why Did Slavery End?
- What Was the Underground Railroad?

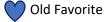
3,4 William Tyndale Andrew Edwards and Fleur Thornton

- 3,4,5 The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler John Hendrix
- 3,4,5 God's Timeline: The Big Book of Church History Linda Finlayson
- 3,4,5 <u>Hidden Heroes Series (Christian Focus</u>) Rebecca Davis
 - Lights in a Dark Place: True Stories of God at Work in Colombia
 - With Two Hands: True Stories of God at Work in in Ethiopia
 - The Good News Must Go Out: True Stories of God at Work in Central African Republic
 - Living Water in the Desert: True Stories of God at Work in Iran
 - Return of the White Book: True Stories of God at Work in Southeast Asia
 - Witness Men: True Stories of God at Work in Papua, Indonesia

3,4,5 <u>Lives of Faith and Grace Series</u>

- The Story of Katie Luther: The Nun Who Escaped to True Freedom Gretchen Ronnevik
- The Story of Martin Luther: The Monk Who Changed the World Jared Kennedy
- The Story of Corrie Ten Boom Jennifer T. Kelley
- 3,4,5 <u>Trailblazer Series:</u> Various Authors Christian Focus (Over 40 Titles)
 - George Muller: Children's Champion
 - Isobel Kuhn: Lights in Lisuland
 - Hudson Taylor: An Adventure Begins
 - Helen Roseveare: On His Majesty's Service





- Adoniram Judson: Danger on the Streets of Gold
- Eric Liddell: Finish the Race
- Gladys Aylward: No Mountain Too High
- Paul Brand: The Shoes that Love made
- Richard Wurmbrand: A Voice in the Dark
- John Newton: A Slave Set Free
- Isobel Kuhn: Lights in Lisuland
- John G. Paton: South Sea Island Rescue
- Amy Carmichael: Rescuer By Night
- Mary Slessor: Servant to the SlaveBilly Bray: Saved from the Deepest Pit
- Lottie Moon: Changing China for Christ
- Wilfred Grenfell: Courageous Doctor
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Spoke in the Wheel
- William Tyndale: The Smuggler's Flame
- David Brainerd: A Love for the Lost
- Lillias Trotter: Daring in the Desert
- Frances Ridley Havergal: The Girl Who Loved Mountains
- John Chrysostom: The Preacher in the Emperor's Court
- And others
- 4,5 Epic: An Around-the-World Journey through Christian History Tim Challies
 - 4,5 God's Story: A Student's Guide to Church History Brian H. Cosby
- 4,5 Tales of Persia: Missionary Stories from Islamic Iran William Miller
 - 4,5 Voices Against Slavery: Ten Christian Who Spoke Out for Freedom Catheine House
 - 4,5 Water the Earth: A Student's Guide to Missions by Aaron Little
 - 4,5 What's the Point of Life? Mez McConnell
 - 4,5 <u>History Lives Series</u> Brandon and Mindy Withrow
 - Volume 1: Perils and Peace Chronicles of the Ancient Church
 - Volume 2: Monks and Mystics Chronicles of the Medieval Church
 - Volume 3: Courage and Conviction Chronicles of the Reformation Church
 - Volume 4: Hearts and Hands Chronicles of the Awakening Church
 - Volume 5: Rescue and Redeem Chronicles of the Modern Church
 - 4,5 Luke H. David Series
 - Reign: The Story of the Church in the Middle Ages
 - Redemption: The Story of the Church in Ancient Times
- 5 Evidence Not Seen: A Woman's Miraculous Faith in the Jungles of WW2 Darlene Rose

- 5 Faithful Women and Their Extraordinary God Noel Piper
- 5 When God Doesn't Fix It by Laura Story
 - 5 Christian Heroines: Just Like You Catherine MacKenzie
 - 5 Gold from Dark Minds: The Journey to Conversion of 6 Famous Christians Irene Howat

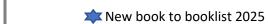
Creation/Science

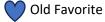
1,2,3 God Made Something Series (Find the Animal) Penny Reeves

- God Made Something Funny
- God Made Something Tall
- God Made Something Enormous
- God Made Something Amazing
- God Made Something Strong
- God Made Something Clever
- God Made Something Beautiful
- God Made Something Quick

2,3 I Can Read Series

- Made by God: Big Bugs, Little Bugs
- Made by God: Sea Creatures
- Made by God: Our Feathered Friends
- Made by God: Rain Forest Friends
- Made by God: Cats, Dogs, Hamsters and Horses
- Made by God: Poisonous, Smelly and Amazing Animals
- Made by God: Curious Creatures Down Under
- Made by God: Spiers, Snakes, Bees and Bats
- Made by God: Polar Pals
- Made by God: Jungle Beasts
- Made by God Barnyard Critters
- Made by God: Forest Friends
- 2,3 Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation Kristyn Getty
- 2,3,4 Creation Sings: How God's Work Declares God's Truth Carine MacKenzie
 - 2.3.4 NC The Curious Kids Science Book Asia Citro
- 3,4 All about Bible Animals Simona Piscioneri
- ★ 3,4 Bible Investigators: Creation Danika Cooley (Puzzles and Activities)
 - 3,4 Big Bible Science, Volumes 1 and 2 Erin Greene
 - 3,4 Indescribable 100 Devotions about God & Science Louie Giglio







- ♥ 3,4 Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth Series J.D. Camorlinga
 - Pig and the Accidental Oink! (God the Creator)
- 3,4 The Things God made: Explore God's Creation through the Bible, Science, and Art Andy McGuire
- 3,4,5 It Couldn't Just Happen: knowing the truth about God's awesome creation Lawrence O. Richards
 - 3,4,5 Case for the Creator Lee Stroebel
- 4,5 Beyond Evolution: How New Discoveries in the Science of Life Point to God Sy Garde
- 4,5 Stephen C. Meyer books:
 - Darwin's Doubt: The Explosive Origin of Animal Life and the Case for Intelligent Design
 - Return of the God Hypothesis: Three Scientific Discoveries That Reveal the Mind Behind the Universe
 - Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design
- ★ 4,5 Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition That Life Is Designed Douglas Axe

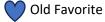
Education Topics, Special Needs, and Hands-On Activities

Education

- The Big Book of Home Learning Mary Pride (Preschool/Elementary; Junior High/High School)

 The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning, and Life Julie Bogart
 - NC Complete Book of Homeschooling Resources A-Z Rebecca Rupp
- Every Child Can Succeed Cynthia U. Tobias
- For the Children's Sake Susan Macaulay
- The Gospel for Moving Targets: Helping Active Children Grow in Grace Nancy Snyder
 - NC Home Learning Year by Year Rebecca Rupp
 - The Homeschooling Handbook Mary Griffith
- The Read-Aloud Family: Making Meaningful and Lasting Connections with Your Kids Sarah Mackenzie





- Reclaiming Education: Teach Your Child to Be a Confident Learner Cynthia U. Tobias
- Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakeable Peace Sarah MacKenzie
 - NC Ten Ways to Destroy Your Child's Imagination Anthony Esolen
- 🂙 The Way They Learn 🛮 Cynthia U. Tobias
 - **NB** When Children Love to Learn: Practical Applications of Charlotte Mason's Philosophy for Today Elaine Cooper

Favorite Other Books

- 2,3 Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lesson Siegfried Engelmann
- 4,5 Streams of Civilization Mary Stanton and Albert Hyma
 - Volume 1
 - Teachers Guide
 - Test Packet
 - Volume 2
 - Teachers Guide
 - Test Packet

Fun Activities

- NC 1,2 The Arts and Crafts Busy Book Trish Kuffner
- NC 1,2 The Fitness Fun Busy Book: 365 Creative Games & Activities to Keep Your Child

 Moving and Learning Trish Kuffner
- NC 1,2 The Toddler Busy Book Trish Kuffner
- NC 1,2 Play and Learn Toddler Activity Book Angela Thayer
- NC 1,2,3,4 150+ Screen-free Activities Asia Citro
- NC 2,3,4 The Children's Busy Book Trish Kuffner
 - 3,4,5 Origami Bible Stories for Kids (Craft Activity) Andrew Dewar

Manners

- 1,2,3 Manners Can Be Fun Munro Leaf
- 1,2,3 How to Speak Politely Munro Leaf
- 💙 1,2,3 How and Why to Behave Munro Leaf

These books are such a lot of fun as they teach the kids manners. Love them!

Stewardship

Larry Burkett Series



2,3 Money Matters for Kids



4,5 Money Matters for Teens



💙 2,3,4,5 Teaching Your Child about Money: Biblical Stewardship for Beginners 🛚 Marty Machowski

Special Needs



NC How-To Homeschool Your Learning Abled Kid: 75 Questions Answered: For Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities or Twice Exceptional Abilities by Sandra K. Cook **NC** Learn to Read for Kids with Dyslexia (Activity Book)



NC ABC (Letterland Picture Books) One of a whole series of books that I've seen greatly benefit kids with dyslexia as they learn to read.

NC Putting on the Brakes: Understanding and Taking Control of Your ADD or ADHD Children Patricia Quinn, Judith Stern

NC Smart But Scatttered (Executive Function Skills) Peg Dawson, EdD Richard Guare, PhD

NC Smart But Scatttered for Teens (Executive Function Skills) Peg Dawson, Richard Guare

Personality

- 1-5 Personality Plus for Parents: Understanding What Makes Your Child Tick Florence Littauer
- 1-5 Understanding Your Child's Personality David A. Stoop

Stories to Help Kids (Learning Difficulties and Other Struggles)

NC 2 I See Things Differently A First Look at Autism Pat Thomas



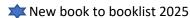
NC 2,3 Adventures of Everyday Geniuses:

- Keep Your Eye on the Prize Barbara Esham
- If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi Barbara Esham
- Last to Finish A Story about the Smartest Boy in Math Class Barbara Esham
- Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets Barbara Esham



【 2,3 When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs Elrena Evans

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. She helps both adults and kids see ways the church might accommodate special needs kids and thereby help show God's character and make way for them to hear the gospel.





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 - **NC** 2,3,4 The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia Dian Burton Robb
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 - NC 2,3,4 Special Stories Series: Kate Gaynor
 - A Birthday for Ben (Deafness)
 - A Friend Like Simon (Autism)
 - Freddie's Super Summer (Down Syndrome)
 - Tom's Special Talent (Dyslexia)
- NC 3,4 Marvin's Monster Diary ADHD Attacks! Raun Melmed
- 4,5 A Thankful Heart in a World of Hurt Joni E. Tada

Fiction

NOTE: Any book listed below that has an asterisk has not been read by me, but comes from the following website: http://bestfantasybooks.com/christian-fantasy.html. I did read the synopsis of the books and they seemed to be good. Read at own risk. I know these are very popular so I wanted to include new titles, but they are all so long, I just didn't have time to read them myself.

Christian Fiction/Fantasy

- 1,2,3 The Emily Stories: Stephanie Carmichael (Matthias Media)
 - The Birthday Party
 - Grumpy Day
 - Over the Fence
 - The Rag Doll
- 2,3 The Abigail Series Bethany McIlrath

This is a fiction series about a girl who presumes to be a Christian and desires to live for God. Each story presents Abigail in a particular situation she is trying to understand how to live for God. I like this series.

- Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe
- Abigail and the Big Start Over
- Abigail Gets Left Out
- Abigail and the Christmas Contest (comes out closer to Christmas)
- 2,3 Cunningham on the Case: the Scripture Sleuth Mat Halverson
- 2,3 Penelope Judd: A Tale of a Dirty Land, a Promise Kept, and a Spotless Prince Shai Linne A sweet allegory of what God does for His people, redeeming them from stain of sin and making them His radiant people.
 - 2,3 Queen Victoria's Request Jeff Anderson
- 2,3 The Tale of Three Trees Angela Hunt





- 2,3 Los Tres Árboles Bilingüe (The Tale of Three Trees Bilingual Ed.) Angela Hunt
- 2,3 The True Princess Angela Hunt
- 2,3,4 Wise Words: Family Stories That Bring the Proverbs to Life Peter J. Leithart

2,3,4 Lithos Kids series

- Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 1
- Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 2: Christiana's Journey to the Celestial City
- Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 3

Perhaps the most impactful series I've ever seen in the lives of so many kids, of such a wide range of ages.

2,3,4,5 The Pilgrim's Progress Illustrated Adventure for Kids: A Retelling of John Bunyan's Classic Phil A. Smouse

This book is mainly geared to elementary school age and up, but even preschoolers will enjoy the pictures. It is a very different approach from the Lithos Kids' series.

- 3 The Forgotten King Kenneth Padgett and Shay Gregorie An allegory of Jesus, the King.
 - 3,4 Caleb's Lamb Helen Santos
- ★ 3,4 The Captain Sun Adventures Bryce Morgan
 - Rescue Me!
 - Captain & the Army of Fear
 - Captain Sun & the Scourge of the Shadow Dragon

Classic comic book style stories with a devotional flair.

- 3,4 Patricia St. John Books
 - Star of Light
 - Three Go Searching
 - The Tanglewood's Secret
 - The Secret of Pheasant Cottage
 - Rainbow Garden
 - Treasures of the Snow
 - Nothing Else Matters
 - I Needed a Neighbor
 - The Victor
 - The Other Kitten
 - The Secret of the Fourth Candle

NOTE: These books have been some of the books most routinely powerfully used by God in the lives of older elementary school age children, especially girls. God bless Patricia St. John!

- 3,4 The Restorationists Series Carolyn Leiloglou
 - Book 1: Beneath the Swirling Sky
 - Book 2 Between Flowers and Bones
 - Book 3: Far Beyond the Horizon

A fiction series with more of an art bent.

- 3,4 The Songs of a Warrior Saul and David: A Retelling Katy Morgan (Historical Fiction)
- 3,4 Pilgrim's Progress:
 - Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress Oliver Hunkin
- 🗽 Illustrated Little Pilgrim's Progress: From John Bunyan's Classic Helen L. Taylor
 - The Family Pilgrim's Progress: Adapted from John Bunyan's Classic Jean Watson
- 🛊 3,4 Serpent Slayer and the Scroll of Riddles 💎 Champ Thornton and Andrew Nacelli
- 🛊 <u>3,4 *The Wilderking Trilogy Jonathan Rogers</u>
 - The Bark of the Bog Owl (Book 1)
 - The Secret of the Swamp King (Book 2)
 - The Way of the Wilderking (Book 3)
- 3,4 *Wing Feather Saga Andrew Peterson:
 - On the Edge of Dark Sea (Book 1)
 - North or Be Eaten! (Book 2)
 - The Monster of the Hollows (Book 3)
 - The Warden and the Wolf King (Book 4)
 - The Wingfeather Tales (Book 5)
- 3,4 *Young Whit Series Dave Arnold
 - Young Whit and the Traitor's Treasure
 - Young Whit and the Shroud of Secrecy
 - Young Whit and the Thieves of Barrymore
 - Young Whit and the Phantasmic Confabulator
 - Young Whit and the Cloth of Contention
 - 3,4,5 At the Back of the North Wind George MacDonald
- 3,4,5 The Chronicles of Narnia C.S. Lewis



- 3,4,5 Fantasy Stories of George MacDonald
 - The Princess and the Goblin
 - The Princess and Curdie
 - The Princess and the Goblin
- 3,4,5 *The Inkwell Chronicles J. D. Peabody
 - The Ink of Elspet (Book 1)
 - Race to Krakatoa (Book 2)
 - Operation Bungaree (Book 3)
 - 3,4,5 Pilgrim's Progres Updated, Modern English. More than 100 Illustrations.
- 3,4,5 *Rwendigo Tales Jennifer Myhre
 - A Bird, a Girl, and a Rescue
 - A Chameleon, a Boy, and a Quest
 - A Forest, a Flood, and an Unlikely Star
 - A Fever, A Flight, and a Fight for the World
 - 4 Two Worlds Books (Africa Stories) Eglin Lorna
 - A Girl of Two Worlds,
 - A Boy of Two Worlds
 - 4,5 *Ashling Mary Mack
 - 4,5 *Baker Family Adventures Series C. R. Hedgcock
 - Treacherous Trail
 - Iceland Intrigue
 - Prisoner of the Pyrenees, and more
 - 4,5 *Binding of the Blade Series L.B. Graham (5 Books in Series)
 - 4,5 *The Blood of Kings Series Jill Williamson:
 - · By Darkness Hid
 - From Darkness Won
 - To Darkness Fled
 - 4,5 *Chronicles of the Nephilim Brian Godawa:
 - Noah Primeval
 - Enoch Primordial
 - · Gilgamesh Immortal
 - 4,5 *The Chronicles of Time Series JC Lamont
 Prophecy of the Heir: Primordium and others in this series

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- 4,5 *The Circle Series Ted Dekker
- 4,5 *Crown and Covenant Series Douglas Bond
 - Duncan's War (Book 1) and others
- 4,5 *The Dragon King Trilogy Steve Lawhead:
 - The Warlords of Nin
 - The Sword and the Flame
 - In the Hall of the Dragon King
- 4,5 *The Dark Harvest Trilogy Jeremiah W. Montgomery
 - The Dark Faith (Book 1)
 - The Scarlet Bishop (Book 2)
 - The Threefold Cord (Book 3)
- 4,5 *Dragon Seed Marty Machowski
 - 4,5 *The Dreamkeeper Saga Kathryn L. Butler
 - The Dragon and the Stone (Book 1) and others
- 4,5 *Green Ember Series S. D. Smith
 - The Green Ember
 - Ember Falls,
 - Ember Rising
 - Ember's End
 - The Last Archer
 - The First Fowler
 - The Archer's Cup
 - The Black Star of Kingston
 - The Wreck and Rise of Whitson Mariner
 - Prince Lander and the Dragon War
 - 4,5 Heaven, How I Got Here: The Story of the Thief on the Cross Colin S. Smith Christian Focus
- 4,5 Screwtape Letters C. S. Lewis
 - 4,5 *The Seventh Dimension Series Lorilyn Roberts:
 - The Door
 - The King
 - The Castle
 - The City
 - 4,5 *Taken, Book 1 (The Quest for Truth Series) Brock D. Eastman

- 4,5 *Where the Garden Begins by J. Suthern Hicks 11.99 (1) 12
- 5 Diary of a Teenage Girl: Caitlin/Chloe Series Melody Carlson (Honest look at the longings, struggles and dependence upon God as these two girls face high school life and beyond. Emphasis is on courtship and saving yourself for marriage, growing in the Lord)
- 5 The Pilgrim's Progress: John Bunyan's Original Story/Language

Other Fiction

- 1,2 Motor Goose Nursery Rhymes that Go Rebecca Colby
- 2,3 Pooh Library original 4-volume set (Pooh Original Edition) Milne, A. A.
- 3,4 Imagination Station Series (15 books of adventures into history) Paul McCusker
- 3,4 The Little House Collection Box Set Wilder, Laura Ingalis
- 3,4 The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street Karina Yan Glaser (series of 6 books)

Gospel

- 1,2 The Gospel Devon Provencher (Board Book)
 - 1,2,3 What Is the Gospel? Mandy Groce
 - 1,2,3,4,5 Helping Children to Understand the Gospel (with devotions) Sally Michael, Jill Nelson, Bud Burk
- 1,2,3,4,5 (adult resource) Your Child's Confession of Faith Dennis Gunderson
- 2,3 Arlo and the Great Big Cover-Up Childs Howard, Betsy
- 2,3 God's Family: The Greatest Royal Family Ever Catherine Mackenzie
 - 2,3 Paul Tautges Series: (Pictures of Gospel Grace)
- Dinner with the King: How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love

I love this book! However, one caution: the very last sentence of the book is a gospel call with a leading question: "What do you want to do about the king's invitation?" The problem with questions like that is that it can feel manipulative in evoking a certain answer from your kids rather than calling them to make a true commitment to follow God. I'm all for kids understanding the call and pray that they will. But, not to muddy the waters with kids' desiring to please parents and giving a verbal response that is not really coming from a heart change. So.... Be careful with how you use this last sentence.

The Best Bath Ever!: How God Washes Away Our Sin and Makes Us Brand New 2,3 So, What Is the Gospel? God's message of Salvation Carine MacKenzie

- 2,3,4 The Biggest Story tract Kevin DeYoung This book comes as a full version, but also as tracts from Crossway. I find the tracts are full, but because they are much shorter than the original book, the whole gospel message comes through quickly and fully.
- ★ 2,3,4 The Greatest Treasure Truth 78 Gospel Tract
- 2,3,4 Gumtree Gully
- 2,3,4 My 1st Book about the Gospel Carine MacKenzie
- 2,3,4 This Is the Gospel Kids Read Truth
- 2,3,4,5 (Adult: to teach these ages) Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids Jack Klumpenhower
 - 2,3,4 When Santa Learned the Gospel Camilleri, Simon
- 2,3,4 Who Will Be King (English, Spanish, Chinese) Matthias Media
- 2,3,4 Who will be King? Activity Book Matthias Media
- 3,4 God's Gospel (Making Him Known)
- 3,4 How God Changes People: Conversion Stories from the Bible Carine MacKenzie
- 3,4 The Lost Kitten Patricia St. John

A newly published book by Patricia St. John that highlights the gospel through a story.

- 3,4,5 Life as a Christian: a Primer for New Believers Mary Wiley (Gospel Project)
 - Another new favorite of mine. Super inexpensive and VERY thorough from how to become a Christian to how to live as a Christian. There is language that presumes conversion, but that's who it's for. And be aware: urges child to be immediately baptized at the very end of the book. (that is my only hesitancy, and such a great book, I'd make it a topic of conversation with the child, as to why your church might wait (like ours does) for a child to grow older before baptizing.
- 3,4,5 What Is a Christian? Answers for Kids Mary Wiley
 Another great resource by Mary Wiley. The workbook format helps kids who want to understand what it means to be a Christian and live as a Christian. Great for kids who may be professing faith or simply have a lot of questions. I would suggest parents going through it with their child and making it a springboard for discussion.
- 3,4,5 The Story Kevin DeYoung
 This tract is full, but simple and can be used with kids as well as adults, who are the original audience.
- 4,5 Gospel 101 for Teens: Learning, Living, and Sharing the Gospel Jeff Dodge



4,5 Greg Gilbert Gospel Books:

- What Is the Gospel?
- Who Is Jesus?

These are great for use with older middle school and high school students.

- 4,5 The Story of Jesus: A Guided Journey through the Gospel of John, ESV Kevin Emmert
- 🕽 4,5 Two Ways to Live Matthias Media

Helping Kids with Anxiety and Other Common Biblical Counseling Issues

Books in this category are especially prone to give children God's promises to hold on to in ways that are true only for believers. You can you kids by adding your own words/questions to the text that makes it clear how these beautiful promises can be for them, when they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

1,2 You Count Champ Thornton (board book on calming emotions)

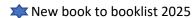
Books on counting yourself to calm are HUGE this year. This one is the best I've seen among the Christian versions.

1,2,3 Crossway Series:

- Arlo and the Keep-Out Club Betsy Childs Howard
- Charlie and the Preschool Prodigan Ginger M. Blomberg
- Meg Is Not Alone Megan Hill
- Lucy and the Saturday Surprise Megan Hill
- 1,2,3,4,5 Caring for the Souls of Children: A Biblical Counselor's Manual Amy Baker
- 2,3 The Abigail Series Bethany McIlrath

This is a fiction series about a girl who presumes to be a Christian and desires to live for God. Each story presents Abigail in a particular situation she is trying to understand how to live for God. I like this series.

- Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe
- Abigail and the Big Start Over
- Abigail Gets Left Out
- Abigail and the Christmas Contest







2,3 PC/AG Left Out: Believing My Story Is for God's Glory Jill Atogwe

I am including this book because there is so little on the market that comes close to encouraging children with "differences" in a way that makes God's glory the point. She definitely presumes the child is a Christian in her use of Scripture and what it means to the child she is speaking to in her book. Make sure to add the gospel.

2,3 Christina Fox Series (Christian Focus)

I have hesitancies about this series. She tends to hold out promises to the kids in the story without clearly explaining that these are God's promises to His people. The children in the story, you have to assume, are Christians, and you are listening in on a conversation between Christians. Probably the best thing to do is to make that clear to your children at some point in reading the story. HOWEVER, there are very few books available on these topics currently. And, if you modify the language/add the gospel, there's much good to get from them. I would say these are better used only in strong Christian families who understand and can make changes/have good discussions with their children about the content.

God Hears Your Heart: Helping Kids Pray about Hard Emotions

(She unfortunately uses the phrase "church member" for a child just because they attend church. I think she means the child is attending church and is used to hearing the gospel and knows how God wants His people to live. There's still good language in here. But modifications will be needed.)

The Great, Big Sad (On grieving and death) The children in the story are definitely receiving comfort that is for Christians. Need to add the gospel. But, very little out there on this topic, and she does use a lot of good language.

2,3 Freedom Island Series by Elizabeth Johnston and Brave Books

- Saga 1. Book 1: Little Lives Matter (Sanctity of Life)
- Saga 1, Book 5: Elephants Are Not Birds (Gender)

These are two of a growing series of books being published by Brave Books, various authors. I particularly liked these two. They deal with all sorts of issues, from freedom of speech to character to sanctity of life. They say these teach "complex Christian and Conservative values." There are many I've not investigated yet. They are available on Amazon and through Brave books.



2.3 Give Your Worries to God Sally Michael

This book points kids to not worry because of who God is but it does NOT presume conversion. It also has great tips for Christian parents in how to use books with their children to continue to hold out God's truth and point them to Christ.



2,3 The Moon Is Always Round Jonathan Gibson



2,3 PG/AC Comfort for Children in Hard Times Series Darby Strickland

- A Big Change Happened: Helping Children through Upheaval
- · Something Sad Happened: Helping Children with Grief
- Something Scary Happened

These take the typical New Growth Press publications bent of holding out God's promises to kids without being clear these are only true for God's people, those who believe and repent and are Christians. So, while they do a good job describing common, difficult struggles of kids and apply Scripture to them, like the other CCEF books for kids, they tend to presume the child is converted by their choice of Scriptures (which are for believers). Please be careful and do not hold out false assurances to your kids! I've been told that the questions in the back have been a great springboard for conversations with kids. Use with care and add in the gospel.

2.3 Teaching Children to Use Their Words Wisely series Ginger Hubbard and Al Roland

Chloe and the Closet of Secrets: a book about lying Sam and the Sticky Situation: a book about whining

Shawn and His Amazing Shrinking Sister: A book about teasing

I love this series because in each book, the Christian parents are seen doing the same sin as the kids are struggling with. The parents confess, repent and pray about these things, leaving a wonderful example of how believers struggle with sin, but are living a life of turning away from it. How very true to life this is!

- 2,3 When I Am Afraid Sally Michaels
- 2,3 When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs Elrena Evans

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. She helps both adults and kids see ways the church might accommodate special needs kids and thereby help show God's character and make way for them to hear the gospel.

2,3 Who Are You?: A Little Book about Your Big Identity Christina Fox

The book is fine, but the rhyming scheme is pretty bad. Takes a long time getting to its one point in the book. Still, might be helpful to some.

Does a great job explaining different emotions, how they are part of God's good plan, but also how they are impacted by the Fall. Talks about God's emotions and the similarities and differences between His and ours. Slightly presumptive that the child is converted in a few places, but very good on the whole. Far better than anything else I've seen.



2,3,4 PC/AG Good News for Little Heart Series: (CCEF)

This series is very popular and meets an important need. BUT, you especially need careful attention to wording that holds out promises to all kids that are only for Christians. Read carefully and add gospel language. Here are some of the titles in this ever-growing series:

- Zoe's Hiding Place: When You Are Anxious David Powlison
- Jax's Tail Twitches: When You Are Angry David Powlison
- Buster's Ears Trip Him Up: When You Fail Ed Welch
- Tori Comes Out of Her Shell: When You Are Lonely Jayne V. Clark
- Henry Says Good-bye: When You Are Sad Edward T. Welch
- Gus Loses His Grip: When You Want Something Too Much David Powlison
- Halle Takes a Stand: When You Want to Fit In Paul David Tripp
- Gwen Tells Tales: When It's Hard to Tell the Truth Edward Welch
- Tomas Looks Up and Out J. Alasdair Grodes

本 2,3 PC/AG He Always Hears: A Story of Loss and the Hope of Things Made New Alyson Panzi

Be careful. Presumes the kids are saved. Use these books as springboards to lead the kids to the comfort they can have as God's people. Mark sure to include the gospel as you hold out these promises. God hears the prayers of His people in a way that is special and based upon their relationship with Him through Christ's work on their behalf.

2,3 4 Nugget and the Refiner Kerry Tittle

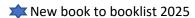
Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel This book is about how God uses trials in the lives of His people to change them. It is a helpful story that parents can use to share how they have seen God use trials to change them. And this testimony can be helpful to children seeking to make sense of suffering, themselves, as you hold out the gospel to them.

2,3,4 When Someone You Know Dies Day One Publishing

One of the few resources on death that does a great job with the gospel and many of the hard questions kids ask and we try to answer.

2,3,4,5 <u>CCEF Booklets:</u>

- Helping Children with Shame: Resting in God's Approval Ed Welch
- Children and Divorce: Helping When Life Interrupts Amy Baker
- Angry Children
- 2,3,4,5 How to Help Your Anxious Teen: Discovering the Surprising Sources of Their Worries and Fears Jessica Thompson The title makes you think this is only for helping your teenager, but the ideas presented GREAT for parents with kids of all ages. This book is targeted at helping parents identify ways that they/the culture/even the ways churches talk to kids can actually add to their anxiety and in ways you might not realize. This book is a favorite!





2,3,4,5 When Your Child Is Grieving: God's hope and wisdom for the journey towards healing Amy E. Ford

Note: There are so few books out there on understanding the grieving process of children, which is different from that of adults. Amy Ford gives helpful insights into this process and words to use with your child. There are a few places where she uses language regarding "our anointing" to help our grieving child. I think she is meaning that God equips us with what we need to care for our children in their need.

- 3,4 Social Media Pressure: Finding Peace Alongside Jesus John Perritt Presumes conversion, add gospel
- (3), 4,5 PC/AG Chris Morphew Series:
 - o Who Am I and Why Do I matter?
 - o How Can I Be Sure What's Right and Wrong?
 - o Is Christianity Really True?
 - o What Happens When We Die?
 - And others

There is much about this series that I like. Morphew has a great way of speaking to kids. However, he does presume conversion in a number of places. Still, there's not a lot on the market that covers these issues as well as these books.

- **4**,5 FaceTime: Your Identity in a Selfie World Kristen Hatton Presumes conversion, add gospel.
- **★** 3,4,5 10 Questions Series: Champ Thornton, Editor
 - 10 Questions About Salvation: 30 Devotions for Kids, Teens, and Families Champ Thornton
 - 10 Questions about Suffering and Pain: Beth Broom
 - 4.5 PC/AG A Student's Guide to Anxiety Edward T Welsh
- 4,5 Love to Eat, Hate to Eat: Breaking the Bondage of Destructive Eating Habits Elyse Fitzpatrick
 - 4,5 <u>Track Series</u> Reagan Rose Presumes conversion, add gospel.
 - Gaming: A Student's Guide to Gaming
 - Navigating Culture: A Student's Guide to Navigating Culture
- 💙 4,5 True Beauty Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre
- 4,5 True Feelings: God's Gracious and Glorious Purpose for Our Emotions Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre

4,5 What Do You Think of Me? Why Do I Care? Answers to the Big Questions of Life Ed Welch

4,5 Rick Horne Series:

- Get Outta My Face! How to Reach Angry, Unmotivated Teens with Biblical Counsel
- Get Offa My Case: Godly Parenting of an Angry Teen
- 4,5 A Conversation with Jesus Series David Helm
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Relationships
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Religion
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Truth
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Hope
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Doubt
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Suffering

5 My Friend is Struggling Series: Josh McDowell and Ed Stewart

- My Friend is Struggling with Divorce
- My Friend is Struggling with Conflict with Others
- 5 The Jesus I Wish I Knew in High School Charlotte Getz

Addresses many issues teenagers face. Includes very real stories that teens can easily identify with. Parents may want to scan the book first and use it as a discussion prompter with their high school teen.

Holidays

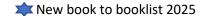
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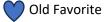
- 1,2 Christmas (Little Words Matter Series, Board Book) B & H Kids
- 1,2 The Christmas Baby (Board Books) Marion Dane Bauer
- 1,2 Christmas in the Manger (Board Book) Nola Buck
- 1,2 The Christmas Promise (Board Book) Alison Mitchell
 - 1,2 Jesus Is Born (Board Book) Debbie Anderson
- 1,2 Jesus: the Best Baby (Board Book) Catherine Mackenzie
 - 1,2 One Night in Bethlehem (Board Book) Jill Roman Lord
 - 1,2 Ready, Set, Find Christmas (Board Book) Zondervan
 - 1,2 The Special Baby (Board Book) Hazel Scrimshire
 - 1,2 Wise Men Help Jesus Catherine MacKenzie (Board Book)
 - 1,2,3 A Special Baby (Board Book) Carine Mackenzie
 - Special Codes: NC: Non-Christian Book PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel

- 1,2,3 Beginning with God at Christmas Good Book Company
- 1,2,3 The Christmas Surprise Steph Williams
 - 1,2,3 I Spy at Christmas: Jesus is More Important than Crackers and Tinsel Catherine Mackenzie
 - 1,2,3 Jesus Christ the Best King of All Catherine MacKenzie
- 1,2,3 Just Nicholas Annie Kratzach; Tessa Janes
 - 1,2,3 Kids Read Truth/She Reads Truth Advent Conversation Cards
 - 1,2,3 La Historia de Navidad de Maria Laura Monzonde Abbattista
 - 1,2,3 Little Hearts Prepare Him Room Holly Mackle (Advent Meditations)
 - 1,2,3 The Littlest Watchman Advent Calendar and Book Good Book Company
- ★ 1,2,3 Twas the Evening of Christmas Glenys Nellist

This is a retelling of the first Christmas in the style and rhyme scheme of Twas the Night Before Christmas. It is well done and with beautiful pictures. Two notes: while she clearly says Jesus is the Son of God in one place, she calls Mary and Joseph, mama and papa in another. I'd just change the language to Mary and Joseph. Also, she does the classic thing of having the wisemen come on the same night as the shepherd. I'm hoping to "repair" the language in a few places and use this as an outreach to my neighborhood. Also, her Easter book in the same style is good, but I didn't like her Lent and Advent books which included more of her own thoughts and did not think them as on target.

- 1,2,3 Love Came Down Bethan Lycett (add gospel)
- 1,2,3 Nativity Sticker Activity Book Marty Noble
- 1,2,3 Seek and Find: The First Christmas Sarah Parker (Board Book)
 - 1,2,3 Tell Me About Christmas Coloring and Activity Book
 - 1,2,3 Veo, Veo: Navidad (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
 - 1,2,3 The Very First Christmas Catherine Mackenzie
 - 1,2,3 Christmas Carols for Kids: A Sing-Along Book Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
 - 1,2,3 Songs Kids Really Love to Sing: Christmas
- 1,2,3,4 My Christmas Activity Book: 25 Days to Celebrate Jesus' Birth Catherine Mackenzie
- 1,2,3,4 Prepare Him Room Advent Devotionals Marty Machowski
- 1,2,3,4 When Santa Learned the Gospel Simon Camilleri





- 1,2,3,4,5 Kurt Adler J3767 Wooden Nativity Advent Calendar with 24 Magnetic Piece
- 1,2,3,4,5 Treasuring Christ in Our Traditions Noel Piper
- (1) 2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers and Activity Books
 - The First Christmas
- 2,3,4 30 Prophecies: One Story How God's Word Points to Jesus Paul Reynolds Presumes conversion in some of the prayers, but wonderful resource.
- 2,3 The Advent-ure (Connie Dever, online praisefactory.org companion with Big Picture Story Bible. Free resource.)
 - 2,3 The Berenstain Bears: The Very First Christmas
- 2,3 The Best News: Christmas Bible Verses to Remember Sally Michael
- ★ 2,3 A Bible Christmas Catherine MacKenzie
- 2,3 The Christmas Promise Alison Mitchell
 - 2,3 El Rey Promietido (Spanish version)
- 2,3 The Christmas Promise Coloring Book Alison Mitchell
- 2,3 The Christmas Story Carine MacKenzie
- ★ 2,3 The Christmas Story Brick by Brick Rachael Hood
 - 2,3 Jesse Tree Ornaments: Advent Coloring Activities and Craft Projects for Kids with Bible Stories for the Jesse Tree Symbols Kathryn Marcellino
- 2,3 Jesus and the Characters of Christmas: Who's Who in God's Great Plan for Redemption (A Christmas Book for Kids) Daniel Darling Love, love this book!
 - 2,3 Jesus Is Most Special Sally Michael
- 2,3 The Star Maker (Omits telling how we can be saved --Add this in)
 - 2,3,4 Bake through the Bible at Christmas Susie Bentley-Taylor & Bekah Moore
 - 2,3,4 A Better than Anything Christmas Barbara Reaoch

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- 2,3,4 The Biggest Story Advent: 25 Lift-the-Flap Devotions for Families Kevin DeYoung Devotions for the whole family. Board book pages. Presumes conversion in a few Places (some prayers especially).
- 2,3,4 I See Jesus Nancy Gutherie
 - 2,3,4 The Promise: the amazing story of our long-awaited Savior (omits how to become a Christian; add in.) Jason Helopoulos
- 3,4,5 Shooting at the Stars: the Christmas Truce of 1914 John Hendrix
 - 2,3,4,5 Advent Jesse Tree Devotional Flexible Magnet Set with Explanation Story Card
- 2,3,4,5 Devotional Dippers 10 of Those Publishing

Christmas, Easter, Prayer, Wisdom, God, and others

These are little sticks with a short Bible verse with a question and a little reflection or a prayer suggestion. The sticks I looked at seemed to be good. They would make a fun 'round the dinner table devotion, etc. Nice advent/lent activity.

- 3,4 All About Christmas Alison Mitchell
 - 3,4 Tales of Truth Series Graeme Hewitson
 - The Story of Christmas
- 3,4,5 Come Let Us Adore Him A Daily Advent Devotional Paul David Tripp
 - 3,4,5 Christmas Carols for a Kid's Heart (Includes CD) Bobbie Wolgemuth, Joni Eareckson Tada

Yes, BUT.....3,4 (5) Family Story for Advent Series Arnold Ytreeide

Definitely more of a PG level of excitement. Use with elementary/middle school age children. They are very good at helping the children see the birth of Jesus through different eyes. (But some of the devotion reflections at the end of each chapter need to be edited or skipped.... but the stories are so good, even without the devotionals.) Ask Devers or Schmuckers if you want to know more.

- Jotham's Journey
- Tabitha's Travels
- 4,5 The Christmas Thingamabob Mark Dever
- 5 The One True Story Tim Chester
- 5 Rescuing Christmas Carl Laferton

EASTER

- ★ 1,2 Jesus Is Alive Debby Anderson
- (1) 2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers and Activity Books
 - The First Easter

This is a retelling of Easter in the style and rhyme scheme of Twas the Night Before Christmas. It is well done and with beautiful pictures. Her Christmas book in the same style good with a couple of tweaks (see note above), but I didn't like her Lent and Advent books which included more of her own thoughts and did not think them as on target.

- 2,3 Are We Nearly There Yet Allison Brewis (Omits telling how we can be saved; add in)
- 2,3 My Easter Activity Book: 40 days to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection Catherine MacKenzie
- 2,3 R Is for Risen: An ABC Easter Story
 Crystal Bowman
- * 2,3 A Wonderful Surprise: An Easter Bible Verse to Remember Sally Michael
 - 2,3,4 A Jesus Easter Barbara Reaoch

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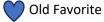
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2,3,4,5 Darkest Night Brightest Day: A Family Devotional for the Easter Season Marty Machowski. Beautiful, but very expensive for what you get.

THANKSGIVING

- 1,2 I Can Say Thank You to God Catherine MacKenzie (Board Book)
- 2,3 Give Thanks to the Lord: Celebrating Psalm 92 Karina Wilson
 - 2,3 What is Thanksgiving? Michelle Metlock Adams
- 3,4 Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving Eric Metaxas

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Listening/Music Resources

I can't keep up with all the books that are now in audio format for kids. Which is wonderful! Here's a few.

2,3,4 Yoto Machines and Cards

Many audio books are available for this wonderful format.

Songbooks

- 1,2 My First Hymn Book Clare Simpson
- 1,2,3 Christmas Carols for Kids: a Singalong book Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2 (3) My First Hymnal 75 Favorite Bible Songs and What They Mean Karyn Henley
- 1,2,3,4 25 Hymns Every Child Should Know: 25 Hymns Sung by Kids with More Than 100 Pages of Printable Sheet Music Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2,3,4 The Easy Hymn Fake Book Over 150 Hymns in the Key of C | Beginner Worship and Church Piano Book | Large Print Sheet Music with Chords and Melody Hal Leonard
- 1,2,3,4,5 Sing! Hymnal Keith & Kristyn Getty
- 2,3,4,5 Hosanna Hymnal Series David and Barbara Leeman
 - Hosanna in Excelsis: Hymns and Devotions for the Christmas Season
 - Hosannas Forever: Hymns of Heaven and Our Pilgrimage
 - Our Hymns, Our Heritage: A Student Guide to Songs of the Church

There are spiral bound piano accompaniment versions of these available, too.

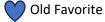
- 2,3,4,5 Timeless Hymns for Family Worship: Bringing Gospel-Centered Moments into Your Home Joni Eareckson Tada, Bobbie Wolgemuth
- 3,4,5 101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Behind 101 Favorite Hymns Paperback Kenneth W. Osbeck
- ★ 3,4, 5 Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories Robert J. Morgan

<u>Hymns</u>

1-5 Getty Hymn Projects

- Family Hymn Sing
- For the Cause
- In Christ Alone

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Bible Stories, Bible Truths:

- 1,2,3 Aussie Praise for Kids By Colin Buchanan (Theology and Memory Verses Set to Music)
 - King of Christmas
 - King of the Jungle
 - Baa, Baa, Doo, Baa, Baa Memory Verses
 - 10,9,8 God Is Great
 - Follow the Saviour
 - And more

1,2,3 Hidden in My Heart Series

- Volume 1
- Volume 3
- Volume 3

1,2,3 Rain for Roots Series:

- Big Stories for Little Ones
- Waiting Songs
- The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like This
- 1,2,3 Songs for Samplings Dana Dirksen
- 1,2,3,4 J Is for Jesus
- 1,2,3,4 Praise Factory Investigators music and singalong book Constance Dever praisefactory.org free downloads

Bible Verses

- 1,2,3 Aussie Praise for Kids By Colin Buchanan (Theology and Memory Verses Set to Music)
 - King of Christmas
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1,2,3 Slugs and Bugs

- Sing the Bible 1,2,3
- Slugs and Bugs Christmas
- 1,2,3,4 Hide 'em in Your Heart: Volumes 1 & 2 Steven Green
- 1,2,3,4 Praise Factory Bible verse songs. Free downloads of over 200 Bible verses set to
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 - New book to booklist 2025

music (praisefactory.org)

- 1,2,3,4 Seeds Family Worship CDs 1-10
- 1,2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Songs 78Truth (Children Desiring God)

Fiction/Historical Fiction Stories:

2,3,4 Adventures in Odyssey

- The Adventure Begins
- Up in the Air
- Under the Surface
- Discovering The Odyssey
- Ultimate Road Trip
- Bible Eyewitness Collection
- Silver Celebration, and many more

2,3,4,5 Focus on the Family Theatre

The Chronicles of Narnia and many other classics

Catechisms

1,2,3,4,5 New City Catechism App Questions, Answers set to fun music

1,2,3,4,5 Westminster Shorter Catechism in Song set of 4

Podcasts:

Renewing Your Mind:

R.C. Sproul Reading his books: The Prince with the Dirty Clothes, etc.

Librivox

Has free audiobooks of public domain classics. Quality of reader can be hit or miss.

Audible

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Theology/Redemptive History

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The Biggest Story DeYong DVD

The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross Laferton, Carl; Echeverri, Catalina

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Non-Fiction Audio Books:

5 Unbroken Laura Hillenbrand

Bible Stories

Beginner Bible Audio

2,3,4 The Bible Comes Alive Your Story Hour Sound effects, old classic! English and Spanish Versions

God's Good News (Billy Graham)

Parenting

Pregnancy/Adoption

- Start Your Family: Inspiration for Having Babies Steve and Candice Watters Helps you think through good questions about when to start having children.
- Waiting in Wonder Growing in Faith while You're Expecting Catherine Claire Larson He Made Me Brave: Embracing the Fear and Joy of Adoption: A Memoir Pam Ogden

Babies/Toddlers

NC Secrets of the Baby Whisperer Tracy Hogg

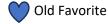
NC CAREFUL Secrets of the Baby Whisperer for Toddlers Tracy Hogg

This secular book has some great ideas for communicating with your child. However, as you might expect, it has no place for spanking. Use it as a helpful side resource that supplements (but does not replace) Christian books on parenting.

- Aren't They Lovely When They're Asleep?: Lessons in Unsentimental Parenting Ann Benton (Note: The British word for spanking is smacking. She discusses the use of spanking/smacking in one of her chapters. Don't be put off by this word.)
- First Time Dad: The Stuff You Really Need to Know John Fuller and Paul Batura
- Engaging Motherhood: Heart Preparation for a Holy Calling Holly Mackle
- NC New First Three Years of Life: Completely Revised and Updated Burton L. White

This secular book is based on Dr. White's 37 years of actual observation and research of the developmental stages children 0 to 3 years go through. He gives very commonsense tips everything from best toys to buy to dealing with many common issues parents face with their child. Interestingly, Dr. White's observations about what works best with children echoes much of biblical wisdom. Use it in combination with other Christian books on parenting. One of my all time

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favorites. Nothing else like it on the market and so very helpful. A favorite baby shower present of mine.

Parenting with Loving Correction: Practical Help for Raising Young Children Sam Crabtree

A new favorite of mine. Does a great job of helping parents understand why and how to discipline lovingly. Lots of practical advice, too.

<u>Preschool</u>

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Grade School

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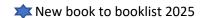
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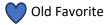
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Pre-Teens

- Between Us Girls Trish Donohue (go through it with mother/mentor)
- Girl Talk Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre (go through it with mother/mentor)
- Mow to Help Your Anxious Teen Jessica Thompson
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Things I Wish I'd Known Before My Child Became a Teenager Gary Chapman I liked what I read. He does reference a lot of outside resources at the end of each chapter. I did not investigate those resources, so that will be up to you to look into those. But I did find his advice very insightful.

Teens

- Mage of Opportunity Paul Tripp
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NC Brainstorm: The Power and the Purpose of the Teenage Brain Siegel MD, Daniel Written by a non-Christian, but some helpful insights that may enhance your understanding and parenting of your teens well into their 20's.

Girl Talk Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre (go through it with mother/mentor)

Help! Series

This series is growing rapidly. These are publications of Day One Publications.

- Help! My Teen Is Rebellious Dave and Judi Coats
- And many others
- How to Help Your Anxious Teen: Discovering the Surprising Sources of Their Worries and Fears by Jessica Thompson (Says it's for helping your teenager, but the ideas presented GREAT for parents with kids of all ages. This book is targeted at helping parents identify ways that they/the culture/even the ways churches talk to kids can actually add to their anxiety and in ways you might not realize. This book is a favorite!)
- Parenting Adolescents Kevin Huggins
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Parenting with Hope: Raising Teens for Christ in a Secular Age Melissa B. Kruger

Rick Horne Series

- Get Outta My Face! How to Reach Angry, Unmotivated Teens with Biblical Counsel
- Get Offa My Case: Godly Parenting of an Angry Teen

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College Age Teens and Up

Age of Opportunity Paul Tripp

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- Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife Hardcover by Barbara Rainey (for wives and for reading themselves, and for talking to their daughters about aspects of marriage. Also could be great as a gift to their about-to-be-married daughters.
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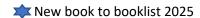
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All Ages

A Mother's Heart: A Look at Values, Vision and character for the Christian Mother Jean Fleming

Child Proof Julie Lowe





By the Hughes:

- Disciplines of a Godly Family Kent and Barbara Hughes
- Disciplines of a Godly Woman Man Kent Hughes
- Disciplines of a Godly Man Kent Hughes
- Disciplines of a Godly Young Man Kent and Carey (son) Hughes

By James Dobson:

- Bringing Up Boys
- Bringing Up Girls: Practical Advice and Encouragement for Those Shaping the Next Generation of Women
- The New Strong-Willed Child
- The New Dare to Discipline
- The New Strong-Willed Child Workbook

Note on Dobson: These are included as helpful resources alongside other, more recent "gospel-centered" parenting resources. Dobson has some great tips, especially on disciplining children that do not grow old.

Family Vocation: God's Calling in Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood Veith, Gene Edward, Jr., Moerbe, Mary J.

Gospel-Centred Family: Becoming the Parents God Wants You to Be Ed Moll, Tim Chester GBC

Grandparenting with Grace Larry McCall

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- The How Can I Feel Productive as a Mom? Esther Engelsma

This book is a very short, helpful blend of challenge and encouragement.

- How to Lead Your Family: A Guide for Men Wanting to Be More Biblical Advice for Christian Husbands and Fathers Joel R. Beeke
- Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sunday (and the Other Six Days Too)
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Lift Your Eyes: Daily Invitations to Behold Christ in Motherhood Whitney Newby

Managing Your Households Well: How Family Leadership Trains You for Church Leadership Chap Bettis

Love this book. Great for anyone, but especially those who are or desire to become elders/pastors. Does a great job of showing how, according to 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1, flourishing your family is not only good for your family and what God desires, but is necessary to be qualified to be an elder/pastor.

- CAREFUL Parenting Teens with Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility Foster Cline and Jim Fay This pseudo-Christian book has some great ideas for using consequences to help build responsibility with your child, but is lacking in other areas. Use only as a helpful side resource that supplements (but does not replace) Christian books on parenting.
- Praying through the Bible for Your Kids Nancy Guthrie
- Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family Paul Tripp
- Parenting in the Pew Robbie Castleman
- Parenting Is More than a Formula Jim Newheiser

Parenting with Words of Grace: Building Relationship with Your Children One Conversation at a Time William P. Smith

- Prayers of a Parent Series: Kathleen Nielson
 - Prayers of a Parent for Young Children
 - Prayers of a Parent for Teens
 - Prayers of a Parent for Young Adults
 - Prayers of a Parent for Adult Children

Raising Kids in the Way of Grace Bob Kelleman

- Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching and Appreciating Boys Hal and Melanie Young
- Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World: How One Family Learned That Saying No Can Lead to Life's Biggest Yes Kristen Welch
- Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe
- The Shepherd Leader at Home Timothy Z. Witmer
- Teach Them to Work: Building a Positive Work Ethic in Our Children Mary Beeke

Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full: Gospel Meditations for Busy Moms Gloria Furman

🤍 What Do I Say When…? A Parents' Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos for Children & Teens Andrew T. Walker & Christian Walker

Extremely helpful book, suggesting good language to talk to your kids about many gender topics as well as other culturally relevant topics.

What Is a Family? Edith Schaeffer

- Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen
- CAREFUL You Can't Make Me (But I Can Be Persuaded) Strategies for Bringing Out the Best in Your Strong-Willed Child Cynthia Ulrich Tobias

This book is GREAT for getting ideas for all of the skirmishes you have with your strong-willed child that are not the hills you die on. If you have a very strong-willed child, it can be discouraging to both you and them at how constantly their behavior needs addressing. This book is so good at helping you understand the "trip wires" for these kids and how to phrase many statements to make it easier for them to obey you. Don't make it your only book, but make it an arrow in your quiver.

You Never Stop Being a Parent: Thriving in Relationship with Your Adult Child Jim Neuheiser, Elyse Fitzpatrick

PRAYER



1,2 I Can Say to God Series: Catherine MacKenzie (Board Books)

- 1,2 I Can Say: I Love You
- 1,2 I Can Say: Sorry
- 1,2 I Can Say:Thank You
- 1,2 I Can Say: Please

1,2 Books for Little Ones Series: (Matthias Media)

- Please God
- Sorry God
- 1,2 I Prayed for You Jean Fisher (Board Book)
- 2.3 Little Hands Learning to Pray Carine MacKenzie
- Why Do We Say Thank You? 2.3 Champ Thornton
- - 2,3,4 Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer Laura Wifler (now in board book version, too)
 - 2,3,4 Orar Por Todo, en Todo Tiempo, en Todo Lugar (Spanish Version)

- 2,3,4 Fritz and the Midnight Meetup: A True Story About Kids Who Prayed Megan Hill This is one of my favorite finds in 2025. A wonderful story!
 - 2,3,4 What Every Child Should Know About Prayer Nancy Guthrie
- 3,4 40 Days Series: (Missions/Praying) Trudy Parkes
 - 40 Days, 40 Bites
 - 40 Days, 40 More Bites
 - 3,4 My Kid's Prayer Journal 100 Days of Prayer and Praise Lettering Design Company
 - 3,4,5 Windows on the World (Old Version) Jill Johnstone, Daphne Sprackett (Missions/ Praying)
- 3,4,5 Windows on the World (New Version) Molly Wall (ed.); Jason Mandryk (ed.) (Missions, Praying)

Redemptive History

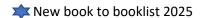
- 1,2,3 The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross Carl Laferton
- 1,2,3 The Big Picture Story Bible David R. Helm
- 2,3,4 The Biggest Story Kevin DeYoung

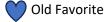
And now, they offer packs of 25 "tracts" of this book for only a few dollars. Great giveaways!

- 2,3,4 The Gospel Story (a number of short Bible stories taking children through all the major points of redemptive history) Gospel Project
- 2,3,4 One Big Story: The Gospel Story: Connecting Christ throughout God's Story Gospel Project
 - 2,3,4 A Tale of Two Kings: God's Story of Redemption Gloria Furman Lots of "we" at the end and perhaps need to remind these promises are for those who become believers.
 - 2,3,4 The Promise: the amazing story of our long-awaited Savior (omits how to become a Christian; add in) Jason Helopoulos
- 3,4 Grandpa's Box: Retelling the Biblical Story of Redemption Starr Meade

A wonderful, meaty walk through all redemptive history as a grandfather tells it to his grandchildren. An unusual approach that older elementary kids/tweens may especially enjoy.

- ★3,4 The Promise: How God Told the World about Jesus Carine Mackenzie
 - 3,4 The World Created, Fallen, Redeemed and Restored Sally Michaels
- 3,4,5 God's Covenants Retold in Lego Bricks Cheryl and Geneva Durand





Sexuality/Diversity Topics

NOTE: BY NATURE OF TOPIC, BOOKS ON SEXUALITY CAN BE GRAPHIC. EVERY FAMILY IS DIFFERENT AS TO HOW MUCH/WHAT TO TELL KIDS. PLEASE DO NOT SEE THESE BOOKS (and age groups mentioned) AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A GENERALLY APPROPRIATE READING LEVEL and THAT IS SET BY THE PUBLISHER. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO TELL YOU WHEN TO TELL WHAT TO YOUR KIDS. THAT IS UP TO YOUR DISCRETION AND WISDOM.

ABUSE

- NC 1,2,3 I Said No! A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private Kimberley King
- 2,3 God Made All of Me: A Book to Help Children Protect Their Bodies

Justin and Lindsay Holcomb Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel

The Holcomb Books: Be careful with this series. I include these because there is not much out on the market yet. But you will need to shape the Holcomb books. Clarify the gospel.

ADOPTION

3,4 We Chose You: A Book About Adoption, Family, and Forever Love Tony Dungy, Lauren Dungy, Guy Wolek

CONCEPTION/SEXUALITY

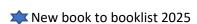
- 2,3 God Made Babies: Helping Parents Answer the Baby Question Justin S. and Lindsey A Holcomb
- 2,3 Wonderfully Made: God's Story of Life from Conception to Birth Danika Cooley

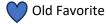
YES, BUT...

God's Design for Sex Series: Brenna and Stan Jones

- 2,3,4 The Story of Me
- 3,4 Before I Was Born
- 4,5 What's the Big Deal
- 4,5 Facing the Facts

Note on this series: This is a series from decades ago that in some ways has not transitioned to gender language that more clarifying for these gender-confused days. (It wasn't a problem at the time it was written). It is theologically weak in places. However, for many years it was the best resource we had to work with. It does have helpful language in explaining/describing physiologically changes, etc. Many have found it helpful over the past 20 years. We are leaving it on the list so in case you know of this series and want to be able to reference it or have used it and might be helped by this critique of it. It may have a suitable place for your use with your kids.





HOWEVER, there is a new series that seems to be more updated for the culture shifts we face. A number of families are finding it more helpful. You will find this new series below:

- Learning about Sex Series:
 - 2,3,4,5 How to Talk Confidently to Your Child about Sex Lenore Buth
 - 2,3 Why Boys and Girls Are Different (one book for boys, one book for girls) Carol Greene
 - 3 Where Do Babies Come From? (one book for boys, one book for girls) Ruth Hummel
 - 4 How You Are Changing (one book for boys, one book for girls) Jane Graver
 - 4,5 Sex and the New You (one book for boys, one book for girls) Rich Bilmer
 - 4,5 Love, Sex and God (one book for boys, one book for girls) Bill Ameiss
- 3,4,5 Growing-up God's Way for Girls
 3,4,5 Growing-up God's Way for Boys
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This series has become a favorite among many families.

- 3,4,5 Luke Gilkerson Books
 - The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality
 - Changes: 7 Biblical Lessons to Make Sense of Puberty
 - Relationships: 11 Lessons to Give Kids a Greater Understanding of Biblical Sexuality
 - 3,4,5 Mom, Dad...What's Sex?:Giving Your Kids a Gospel-Centered View of Sex and Our Culture Jessica Thompson
- 4,5 Passport to Purity video series Family Life Today

DIVERSITY

- 1,2,3,4 God Made Me and You: Celebrating God's Design for Ethnic Diversity Shai Linne (There's music you can download, too)
- 2,3 The Big, Wide Welcome Trillia Newbell (Clarify Gospel)
- 2,3,4 God's Very Good Idea Trillia Newbill
- 3,4,5 The Gospel in Color: A Theology of Racial Reconciliation for Kids Curtis Woods, Jarvis Williams This is the only book I've seen on this topic like this. Can provoke good conversations and greater understanding. Also companion parent and family resources.

GENDER

- 1,2 God Was Not Confused When Creating You (Gender) Gabriela Sorto
- 1,2 When You See a Rainbow Becki Dudley

I love this new book! It does a great job of explaining the original meaning of the rainbow and has a great section at the back that ties in the gospel.

- 1,2,3 God Made You, My Darling Girl Kelsie Detweiler
- 1,2,3 God Made You, My Darling Boy Kelsie Detweiler
- 1,2,3,4 God Made Boys and Girls: Helping Children Understand the Gift of Gender Marty Machowski
- 1,2,3,4,5 Raising Gender-Confident Kids: Helping Kids Embrace Their God-Given Design Kathy Koch, Jeff Myers

 This book has much that I like and much that I've not seen before. Lots of helpful conversation starters/responses to kids' common questions and struggles. I only h

conversation starters/responses to kids' common questions and struggles. I only had time to do a heavy skim of this book before printing this booklist. Please don't leave your brains at the door and add your own take on it, too.

2,3 Freedom Island Series Elizabeth Johnston and Brave Books

Saga 1, Book 5: Elephants Are Not Birds (Gender)

Part of a growing series of books being published by Brave Books, various authors. They say these teach "complex Christian and Conservative values." I particularly liked these two. They deal with all sorts of issues, from freedom of speech to character to sanctity of life. There are many I've not investigated yet. They are available on Amazon and through Brave books.

- 4,5 Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships? Examining 10 Claims about Scripture and Sexualtity Rebecca McLaughlin
- (4) 5 Gay Girl, Good God: Who I Was and Who God Has Always Been Jackie Hill Perry
- 4,5 Is God Anti-Gay? Sam Alberry
- 4,5 PC/AG More to the Story: Deep Answers to Real Questions on Attraction, Identity, and Relationship Jennifer M. Kvamme

One of my favorite books on this topic because it clearly addresses the need to show grace/love as well as understand the truth of what is God's plan for our sexuality.

2,3,4 Rewriting Gender? You, Your Family, Transgenderism, and the Gospel David Martin

A few of the prayers presume conversion but this is one of the best books I've found for giving language to talk to kids about this issue. Especially younger kids have a tendency to "parrot" what we say and that can lead to some unintentional confusion and pain as they talk with other kids in a way that lacks the nuance needed in helping those with gender struggles, the children of parents of the same sex, etc. This book focuses on building compassion in our children, while speaking of the brokenness of sin. It may not be all the conversation that needs to take place, but it is a good, relation-building start that may lead to closer friendships and more opportunity with this growing, needy population in our culture.

- 2,3,4 Why Did God Make Me Series Joe and Abby Owen (Answers in Genesis)
 - Why Did God Make Me a Boy?
 - Why Did God Make Me a Boy?
 Might be a little young for late elementary to read, but may be helpful to YOU in talking to that age group. I feel these books do the best of the gender books I've found in NOT mixing up gender issues with particular likes or dislikes of boys and girls that are actually more of a personal gifting rather than a biblical issue. (Such as girls liking to climb rocks or boys liking to cook.)
- 5 Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert Rosario Butterfield
 - 5 Openness Unhindered Rosario Butterfield
- What Do I Say When...? A Parents' Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos for Children & Teens Andrew T. Walker & Christian Walker

Extremely helpful book, suggesting good language to talk to your kids about many gender topics as well as other culturally relevant topics.

IN GOD'S IMAGE

2,3 God Made Me in His Image Justin and Lindsay Holcomb

Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel

2,3,4 Who Are You?: A Little Book about Your Big Identity Christina Fox

The book is fine, but the rhyming scheme is pretty bad. Takes a long time to get to its one point in the book. Still, might be helpful to some.

4,5 What Do You Think of Me? Why Do I Care? Answers to the Big Questions of Life Edward T. Welch

MODESTY

A Beautiful Mystery: What's Up with Modesty Heather Thienema

PORNOGRAPHY

- NC Kristen A Jenson Series
 - 3,4 Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids
 - 2,3 Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids, Junior

This non-Christian series is the best I've found to talk to kids about this topic.

♥ 3,4 Not If But When: Preparing Our Children for Worldly Images John Perritt

There is much good language in this book. However, on pg 14 (girl talk) and on pg 36 (boy's talk), he unfortunately says that sex is a good thing God has given to his (God's) children. He should have said God has given it to all people.

- Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe
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RELATIONSHIPS/COURTING, DATING

- 2,3 Cassie & Caleb Discover God's Wonderful Design Susan Hunt Simple, biblical manhood and womanhood for kids.
- 5 <u>Diary of a Teenage Girl: Caitlin Series</u> Melody Carlson
 - Becoming Me
 - It's My Life
 - Who Am I?
 - On My Own
 - I Do!
- 5 Diary of a Teenage Girl: Chloe Series Melody Carlson
 - My Name Is Chloe
 - Sold Out
 - Road Trip
 - Face the Music

These two series are a few years old, but the honest struggles and desire to live for Christ through the difficulties and temptations of being a teen are wonderful.

- 5 Letters to a Romantic: On Dating Sean Perron
- ♥ 5 Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife Barbara Rainey

SANCTITY OF LIFE

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Saga 1. Book 1: Little Lives Matter (Sanctity of Life)

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OTHER RESOURCES

5 My Friend is Struggling Series Josh McDowell and Ed Stewart

- My Friend is Struggling with Past Sexual Abuse
- My Friend is Struggling with Unplanned Pregnancy
- My Friend is Struggling with Finding True Love
- Mama Bear Apologetics Guide to Sexuality: Empowering Your Kids to Understand and Live Out God's Design Hillary Morgan Ferrer

She has a lot of great ideas as well as explanations of why/what is important to think about. Great prayers at the end of each section, too.

Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized World: Help for Christian Parents Eliza Huie

Stewardship

- Larry Burkett Series
 - 2,3 Money Matters for Kids
 4,5 Money Matters for Teens
- 2,3,4,5 Teaching Your Child about Money: Biblical Stewardship for Beginners Marty Machowski

Technology

- 1,2,3,4 150+ Screen-free Activities Asia Citro
- 2,3,4 Poly and the Screen Time Overload Betsy Childs Howard
- NC Kristen A Jenson Series
 - 3,4 Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids
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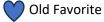
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- Grand-parenting Screen Kids: How to Help, What to Say, and Where to Begin Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane
- My Tech-Wise Life: Growing Up and Making Choices in a World of Devices
 Amy and Andy Crouch
- Parenting Generation Screen: Guiding Your Kids to Be Wise in a Digital World Jonathan McKee

Plugged In Parenting Bob Waliszewski

- Screen Kids: 5 Relational Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World Gary Chapman
- The Tech Exit: A Practical Guide to Freeing Kids and Teens from Smartphones Clare Morell
- The Tech Exit Workbook: The Timeless Life Strategies Within The Tech Exit Workbook Edition Eleanor V. Ward
- The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place A.Crouch
- What Do I Say When...? A Parents' Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos for Children & Teens Andrew T. Walker & Christian Walker
- ★ When to Get My Kid a Phone: Navigating the Tensions Drew Hill

Theology

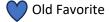
- 1,2,3 Everything a Child Should Know about God Kenneth N. Taylor, Jenny Brake
- 1,2,3 God Is King Carine MacKenzie
- 1,2,3 The Moon is Always Round Jonathan Gibson
- 1,2,3 My God Is So Big Carine MacKenzie
- 1,2,3 Why Do We Say Good Night? by Champ Thornton
- **★** 2 Toddler Theology Series: Lauren Groves

Who Is God?

There are more books in this series, but not all the theology I feel is carefully enough expressed or they use inappropriately big words for the kids targeted.

- 2,3 Big Truths for Little Hearts: A-Z Apologetics Charlie Campbell Misnamed. Theology, not apologetics.
- ≠ 2,3 Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation Kristyn Getty
- 2,3 God Knows My Name Debby Anderson

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2,3 God Is Better than Trucks 2,3 God Is Better than Princesses

Sarah Reju Sarah Reju

- 2,3 Sophie and the Heidelberg Cat Andrew Wilson
- 2,3,4 Creation Sings: How God's Work Declares God's Truth Carine MacKenzie
 - 2,3,4 Don't Blame the Mud: Only Jesus Makes Us Clean Marty Machowski
- 2,3,4 My First Books: Carine MacKenzie
 - My 1st Book about God
 - · And many others
- 2,3,4 His Grace Is Enough: How God Makes It Right When We've Got It Wrong Melissa Kruger Be careful! Definitely presumes conversion by omitting repent and believe.
- 2,3,4 Praise Factory Investigators sing-a-long Storybook and free mp3 downloads (Basis of the truths in the Praise Factory curriculum. Available free at praisefactory.org)
- 2,3,4 Sally Michaels Series from God's Word
 - Our Great God Sally Michaels
 - Good Gifts Come from God
 - Give God Your Worries

These books NOT presume conversion and have great tips for Christian parents in how to use books with their children to continue to hold out God's truth and point them to Christ.

- 2,3,4 Tales that Tell the Truth Series Good Book Company
 - The Awesome, Super Fantastic Forever Party
 His Grace Is Enough
 Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know
 Joni E. Tada
 Melissa Krueger
 Melissa Kruger
 - 2,3,4 That Little Voice in Your Head: Learning about your Conscience Andy Naselli
- 2,3,4 The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever New Machowski, Marty (There's music, too.)
- 2,3,4 Words about God: To Help You Worship Him Nicholas Choy
- 2,3,4,5 Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God Bruce A Ware

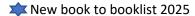
A companion parent guide (Cornerstones: 200 Questions and Answers to Teach Truth) is also available. Expensive, but worth it.

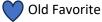
- - 3,4 Indescribable 100 Devotions about God & Science Louie Giglio
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- 3,4 The Radical Book for Kids Champ Thornton
- 3,4 The Really Radical Book for Kids Champ Thornton
- 3,4 Thinking about God Alex Early He does a great job of explaining big words/big truths about God in simple language. Kids of many ages (not to mention adults) will find this book useful. It is geared to be read by late elementary school age kids and up, but you could glean language to use with even younger children.
- 3,4,5 I See Jesus Nancy Guthrie
- John Calvin's Illustrated Institutes, Book 1: Knowing God and Knowing Ourselves:
 Chapters 1–5 Martin Patrick and Joy Williams
 This is a wonderful, graphic novel approach to learning the Institutes. It brings in modern elements to help the reader connect with the original truths. I learned so much!
 - 4,5 The Gospel Made Clear to Children Jennifer Adams Unfortunate title. This book is more appropriate for middle school/high school. Sort of like a little systematic theology.
 - 4,5 Rebels Rescued: Student's Guide to Reformed Theology Brian H. Cosby
- 4,5 A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible: Seeing and Knowing God's Word Tim Challies and Josh Byers
 - 4,5 Young Person's Guide to Knowing God St. John, Patricia
- 🍏 5 When God Weeps: Why God Cares about Our Suffering Joni Tada

Theology Board Books

- Attributes of God Christian Focus Series: Carine MacKenzie
 - God Is Everywhere
 - And many more in this series
- Baby Believer Books Danielle Hitchen
 - Bible Basics
 - From Eden to Bethlehem: An Animals Primer
 - Let There Be Light: An Opposites Primer
 - Our God: A Shapes Books
 - Psalms of Praise
 - Psalm 23
 - Hallelujah
 - We Believe
 - God Speaks
 - ★ Holy Week
 - The Kingdom of Heaven





- The Biggest Story ABC Kevin Deyoung
- Series by Devon Provencher:
 - **≭•** Bible
 - Creation
 - Jesus
 - God
 - Holy Spirit
 - The Church
 - The Gospel
 - **≭** Heaven
 - **本** Prayer
- ★ Indescribable for Little Ones Louie Giglio
- Tiny Theologians series by Amy Gannett
 - Did God Learn His ABCs?
 - Does God Sleep?
 - Does God Go on Vacation?